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A TWO-BILLION COUNTRY.

In the short space of eighteen years the nation has passed from a billion to a two-billion-dollar country according to prognostications sent out from Washington. Of course, the Washington basis of estimate is the volume of money obtained by taxation and disbursed through innumerable agencies. Eighteen years ago a single Congress at its two sessions appropriated a billion dollars, and when the public exclaimed thereat Speaker Reed retorted that this was a billion-dollar country. On that basis of calculation it has now become a two-billion-dollar country. The last session of Congress appropriated over one billion, and, the election being now over, the Republicans have no motive trying to be economical, and at the approaching session will "let'r go" What's the use of being economical if the people keep you to office no matter how extravagant you are?

The population has not doubled in eighteen years, and the revenues have not. The doubling of the expenditures means that disbursements are outrunning population and taxes. In the last fiscal year the deficit was $60,000,000 In the face of monthly deficits Congress appropriated $80 000,000 more than it did the previous year. The results are already apparent. In one-third of the current fiscal year the deficit is $44 000,000. That is at the rate of $132,000,000 a year Even that has no effect upon the Republican statesmen. Washington predicts that Congress will appropriate more at the coming than it did at the last session Even with some improvements in revenues that insure a magnificent deficit in the year 1910. By the end of the fiscal year 1909 there will not be much left of the Treasury surplus—not so much as the Treasury insists is a necessary working capital The money has got to come from somewhere, and the Republicans will have to take their choice between borrowing money and levying new taxes. This will be a novel experience for a period of peace and prosperity. Of course, there ought to be a River and Harbor bill, which was omitted for economy's sake at the late billion-dollar session, but if the military and naval expenditures cannot be cut down, expenditures necessary for commerce will compel new imposts or another bond issue.

A QUESTION.

A long time ago, almost too long to be remembered, through the revelations of one named Berry, a Pennsylvania State Treasurer, several men were convicted of having looted the state treasury in a building transaction for the state. From files of newspapers a freak, noted for his bigotry and narrow-mindedness and boot-wearing, was the chief executive at the time the outrage was committed Can any one now living tell, or is there a historical account of, what punishment was inflicted on the convicted men? Is there any information to be had at Harrisburg?

Any scheme of State roadmaking and State maintenance of roads adopted in Pennsylvania will only result in systematized jobbery unless it shall follow upon the adoption of a well-considered and comprehensive plan of procedure. Our present system is a failure. A uniform method of control and construction is needed, to be carried into execution by trained men of engineering capacity who should remain in charge during good behavior Politics and political influence should be altogether eschewed. The experiment of political management of public improvements was woefully illustrated in Pennsylvania in the building and wrecking of the State canals. That experience should never be duplicated.

From Millheim Journal.

Harry Corman left Monday morning for Pitcairn, where he expects to secure employment.

Mrs Clara Clark, of Williamsport, visited relatives in this place several days during the week.

Mr. and Mrs J. H. B. Hartman are visiting their daughter, Mrs. William Swarm, at Baltimore.

Miss Ruth Anderson, of Shickshinney, is visiting at the home of Henry Miller, on Penn street.

Ed Confer, who is located at Chicago, arrived in town Tuesday to spend some time visiting among relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. King returned Monday evening from attending the funeral of Mrs King's brother, J. D. Hazlett, at Shickshinney.

National American Red Cross stamps are on sale at the Reporter office. Remember the whole of the proceeds from the sale of these stamps goes toward stamping out the white plague in Pennsylvania.

That one word—FITZEZY—tells volumes as to the comfort of the shoes. For ladies only, at Yeagers.

POTTER BARN BURNED.

Calves, Hogs, Grain, Hay, Implements, Harness, Etc., Goes Up in Smoke.—Fire Originated in Straw Stack When Farm Hand had Left with a Forkfull of Straw.

The barn and all the outbuildings on the Mary Potter farm (the Potter homestead) about four miles west of Centre Hall, all the grain, hay, implements, harness, some calves and hogs were destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon, the fire originating about 3:35 o'clock. The tenant, George W. Earhart, and the landlady, Miss Potter, had an equal interest in the personal property.

The fire was first observed by Mrs. Earhart, who was sitting at a window sewing, and started on the southeast side of a straw stack where the farmhand, George Carson, had been but a few moments previous.

It was with great difficulty that the horses and a few calves were removed from the barn and the fattening hogs from the pen. After this was done attention was given the dwelling house, the roof of which on several occasions took fire.

The loss as far as can be gathered is as follows:

Two calves	
Nine shoats	
Two brood sows and fifteen pigs	
Wheat	250 bushels
Corn	1200 "
Oats	385 "
Barley	80 "
Rye	18 "
Cloverseed	8 "
Hay	50 tons
Corn fodder	16 loads
Large amount of straw	
All the farm implements	
Harness, etc.	

The sum total of this loss is difficult to estimate, and is left to the reader to calculate for himself.

Mr. Earhart called at this office Monday morning, and from him the above losses were secured, and in a further conversation it was stated in effect:

Mr. Earhart and his hired man, George Carson, went to the woods after dinner to cut fire wood, and about the middle of the afternoon returned home to perform the chores about the house and barn. Mr. Earhart went direct to the woodhouse, and the other man to the barn. Mr. Carson entered the manure shed on the north side and went to the southeast side of the straw stack, where from the barnyard fence he procured a straw hook. He passed around the stack on the east side and on reaching the northwest side, the point nearest the horse stable, he pulled out straw for bedding. But one forkfull was carried into the stable, and while coming near to the door, he was met by Mr Earhart who broke the news to him that the straw stack was on fire, and that he should begin loosening the horses. The fire was first observed by Mrs. Earhart, and the centre of the flames appeared to be at the stack opposite the point where the straw hook hung on the fence.

How the fire was started no one seems to know. The man states he was not smoking, and cannot assign any reason for the fire having occurred so soon after he had left that point.

The horses were got en out of the stable with little difficulty, their custom being to go from the stable when loosened to the creek nearby for water. After the horses were out an effort was made to turn out four calves. Three of these ran from the stable, but one entered an entry and was burned, as was also another calf that refused to leave the stable. The two brood sows and their litters were in the rear of a cow stable, and could not be removed The fattening hogs were turned from the pen and saved. The pen joined the straw shed on the east.

It was not long until many of the neighbors were on the ground, having been summoned by telephone, and others were first informed of the catastrophy when they saw the flames leap high in the air. Within an hour fully one hundred people were on the ground, but none came soon enough to assist in saving the property about the barn, but did good service in aiding to protect the main dwelling from burning embers carried by a good breeze in the direction of the house.

Miss Potter and Mr. Earhart, joint owners, will make public sale of all their stock Saturday afternoon. See posters and advertisement in this issue.

One on Blair Grangers.

The following dispatch from Altoona appeared in the North American:

At a recent meeting of prominent grangers of this section a boom was launched for H. F Cox, of Bellwood, as overseer of the poor, an office that will be filled at the election held here during the state grange meeting on December 8, 9, 10 and 11. It is customary for the state grange to give to the county in which it meets on election year at least one of the state offices, and the Blair county patrons have brought forth the name of Cox because of his long affiliation with the order.

That is a good one on the Blair county grangers. No doubt there are some poor among the grangers throughout the state, but the office of *overseer of the poor* is unknown in the Order.

SHOT EMPLOYER DEAD.

Furious Negro Carried Out His Threat of Murder.

"I'm goin' ter kill yu befo' dis night's over" furiously declared Frank Lee, after a dispute with George Porter, his employer, in the latter's store in Lewistown, late Saturday night. Both were negroes, and Lee was employed as a teamster by Porter, who was well-to-do. They quarreled over the amount of wages due Lee. Slamming the door of the store, Lee went to his home a block away, got his shotgun, loaded it with large shot, and returned to the store. Suddenly throwing open the door he fired at Porter at close range. The full charge took effect, shattering the right lung and cutting off two ribs. Porter died in a few hours. Lee has not been captured.

Sunday there was much excitement over the murder, and large posses were searching the hills for Lee, the murderer. James Smith has been arrested as an accessory after the fact and several others will be placed under arrest under suspicion of harboring the murderer and aiding him in getting away. Smith admits that Lee secured a suit of clothes at his house after the shooting.

Bellefonte Makes Investment.

The borough of Bellefonte purchased the property in Milesburg of the late Joseph Green, consisting of some thirty acres which includes the brick grist mill, dam and water power rights. The price paid is between ten add fifteen thousand dollars. It is the intention of the borough to erect an electric light plant, and also to generate power to be used in pumping water from the spring into the reservoir. It is thought the investment will prove a saving in expense of lighting the streets as well as pumping water.

LOCALS.

Philadelphia has become so rotten that eggs of that stripe sell for twelve cents a dozen.

Paul Musser, the Millheim ball pitcher, has signed with the Williamsport Tri-State league team

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The men who are at the head of the movement to erect cement brick works at Bellefonte have secured their lease for the location of the Bellefonte furnace and expect to begin work on same in the near future.

The Millheim Journal makes this comment on the apparent close observation of a deer hunter: A buck, with horns less than inch in length, was brought into town. It was shot by a party that had camped in Brush Valley, and the hunters who shot it took very long chances of clearing the law.

The office of triennial assessor for for Potter township is being filled by George H. Emerick, of the North precinct. Upon the death of Assessor George W. Spangler there were a number of applicants for the assessorship, and in time A C Ripka was appointed, but within a few days after his appointment he resigned, and Mr. Emerick is his successor.

Philip J. Auman, of Johnstown, formerly of Spring Mills, writes the Reporter thus: "Your paper has become a favorite of my wife's since she became acquainted in Centre county. I know I can always get full information about the happening about my old home." Mr. Auman is an enthusiastic Socialist, and believes that four years hence his party will be one of the two foremost in the struggle for the presidency.

Drover Mitterling had bought up a car load of milch cows prior to the breaking out of the foot and mouth disease in Eastern Pennsylvania, and just about the time he was ready to ship them the section of country in which he sells was quarantined. The cows were then sold out to local parties from his stable at Centre Hall. While he will be unable to ship at present, it is his intention to purchase a car load or more of cows, and as soon as the quarantine is lifted they will be sent to market.

At State College last week Edna, the little daughter of Mrs. Margaret E. Bailey, managed by the assistance of Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. (Rev.) C. C. Snavely, and several students rooming with the Baileys, to give a surprise party for Mrs Bailey that was highly appreciated by the lady and greatly enjoyed by the fifty or more guests present. Among the many handsome presents received was an Irish linen set, presented by the young men who room in the Bailey house. These students also threw open the rooms on this occasion, and assisted the little daughter in receiving the guests, by which act the students ingratiated themselves more than ever to their hostess,

DEATHS.

A very sudden death in Bellefonte was that of Mrs. Margaret Bosch, who died at the home of her son William Beezer. Always a healthy woman, she had known hardly a day's illness in her entire life, but she was stricken with paralysis and died without regaining consciousness. Mrs. Bosch was sixty-one years old. When quite young she was married to Ferdinand Beezer. Several years after the death of her first husband she was married to Frank Bosch. The surviving children are: William, Ferdinand, George and Miss Agnes Beezer, of Bellefonte; John Beezer, of Punxsutawney; Miss Ella Beezer, of Joplin, Mo., and Frank Bosch, of Williamsport.

Mrs Caroline Rider, widow of the late Abner Rider, died at her home in Coleville from a complication of diseases. She was a born near Bellefonte seventy-eight years ago, and all her life was spent in this vicinity. These children survive: Mrs. Lydia Hoy, of Houserville; George, of Indiana; Henry and Wm., of Bellefonte; Wesley, of Benner township; Mrs. Sarah Emenhizer, James, Clayton and Abner, of Coleville.

Mrs. Anna Murtroff, widow of the late George W. Murtroff, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John A. Rhoads, near Tipton. About a year ago she was stricken with paralysis and other complications setting in resulted in her death. She was aged eighty-four years, and moved to this section of the state from Adams county where she was born. She was the mother of twelve children, seven of whom survive.

John M. Strayer, formerly a resident of Bellefonte, died at the home of his niece, Mrs. S. H. Zellers. For some time past he had been almost helpless, suffering from paralysis and locomotor ataxia. Mr. Strayer was born at Rebersburg fifty-three years ago. His wife died about a year ago, but he is survived by a number of brothers and sisters.

Mrs. John Shay, one of the oldest residents of Howard, died as the result of a stroke of paralysis. She was aged ninety-one years, and had lived in that neighborhood all her life. Surviving are the following children: Joseph and Samuel Shay and Mrs. Mathias Walizer, of Howard; Saul Shay, of Milesburg; Mrs. William Monsel, of Bellefonte, and Lionel.

Miss Fannie Nestlerode, an aged maiden lady, died at her home in Liberty township, after a brief illness from asthma. She was born, raised and lived all her life in the vicinity of her death. All her near relatives preceded her to the grave, and for the past six years she had been taken care of by the family of Torrence McClintock, who occupied her property.

David Rhoads, a former well known resident of Ferguson township, died at the home of his son William, at Burnham, of a complication of diseases, being past seventy years of age. He was a furnace-man and had been employed at the Pennsylvania furnace until the plant closed down. He is survived by four sons and four daughters.

Joseph Chambers McCloskey died very suddenly at his home near Beech Creek, from an acute form of heart disease. He was fifty-five years old, and followed mining for a number of years. His wife survives with two sons, John and Joseph; he also leaves a number of brothers and sisters.

The death of Mrs. Sara Matilda Richards occurred at the home of her son, David, in Philipsburg, Tuesday of last week. She was aged eighty-six years, ten months and five days, and her death was the result of general infirmities. One son survives and two daughters.

Mrs. Maria A., wife of William Ross Campbell, died at her home in Milesburg. She had been an invalid for several years but the direct cause of her death was paralysis. She was aged fifty-nine years of age and is survived by her husband and several children.

About one year ago Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rice, of Philipsburg, buried their only child. Two weeks ago Mr. Rice died after a lingering illness and the other week Mrs Rice died of heart trouble, the whole family thus being wiped out by death.

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Missionary Exercises.

Sunday evening the Missionary Society connected with the Lutheran church at Tusseyville gave an exercise appropriate to the opening of the thank-offering boxes distributed among its members. The program was rendered in the best of style, indicating that great tact and effort had been put forth by the older ones in training the children of the Mission Band. The singing and reciting by the juniors was exceptionally good, and every portion of the program emphasized the need of more mission workers and funds to carry on the great work.

The Missionary Society of this church is not large, but the workers are enthusiastic, not only when it comes to preparing programs and rendering them on public occasions, but in giving. Last year the minutes of the Central Synod have this society credited with $116 00, and the collection lifted Sunday evening was $62.20.

Surprise Party.

A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Klinefelter, near Tusseyville, in honor of their daughter, Miss Ida. A pleasant evening was spent playing games. Refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream, cake and lemonade. Miss Klinefelter received a number of beautiful gifts. The following were present: Misses Ruth Rossman, Rebecca Spangler, Ida and Lizzie Bitner, Mary Weaver, Blanche Moyer, Clara Reiber, Marion Meese, Bertha Miller, Ruth and Grace Bower, Mary Neff, Bertha Bible, Myra Rockey, Eva Fleisher, Maude Neff, Mary Farner, Naomi Martz; Mrs. Thomas Farner and daughter Marion, Mrs. Robert Glasgow and son Fred; Messrs. Wilbur and Frank Dashem, John Bitner, John Frazier, Elmer Miller, Arthur Fulton, Harry and Lester Cumings, Domer Ishler, George and William Swartz, Charlie Horner, John Neff, Bruce Weaver.

The Hecla Hunters.

The Hecla hunting club, composed of Shuman Zimmerman, John Zimmerman, William Zimmerman, Samuel Heines, Perry Heins, William Homan and Al. P. Krape, the latter two of Centre Hall, Friday returned from their hunting trip to the Allegheny Mountains along Baker, Cranberry and Rockey Runs. They are all skilled hunters, and had the good fortune to see a large number of deer, many of them being beyond rifle range, and not a few does protected by the law, but they brought with them three large deer, one having six and two each eight prongs, and a bear weighing three hundred pounds; also, a bob cat.

Mr. Krape and Mr. Homan sent the Reporter a nice roast of venison and bear meat which was highly relished by the office force. Thanks, gentlemen, thanks.

Siphoning Water from well.

Joseph Y. Kurtz, a resident of the Back Mountains, near Belleville, siphons the water from a thirty foot well to his residence nearby. It took considerable effort to start the flow of water, but once begun the theory worked out to perfection. Lead pipes are used, but previous to using them wooded and iron pipes had been experimented with. Lead was resorted to because it was the only pipe that could be made air tight. This is a question that ought to be studied over by others, for no doubt there are many people using up muscle in pumping water when it could be induced to flow by simply applying brains in constructing an inexpensive system.

Fatal Accident on Railroad.

A distressing accident, which proved fatal, occurred near Sandy Ridge. Jesse S. Pfoutz, a son of G. W. Pfoutz, aged about 18 years, and employed at the Ghaem mines, mounted a freight train at Retort to go to his home just a little north of Sandy Ridge. In dismounting opposite his home he slipped and fell under the wheels, and his right arm and right leg were virtually severed from his body.

The unfortunate young man was taken to the Cottage hospital at Philipsburg, but his condition was such as to give little or no hope, and while everything possible was done for him, he died the next day.

An Afflicted Family.

Friday's Bellefonte Daily News says: Thursday the second child of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Barlett, of Coleville, died of diphtheria, when their six-year-old son Boyd succumbed to the disease. There are four others of the family who are ill at present, and their affliction is such as call forth the sympathy of all. The remains of Boyd were privately buried this morning at the Meyers cemetery beside his brother Randolph, who died last Monday.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Once a wearer is always a wearer of FITZEZY shoes. For ladies only, at Yeagers.

Miss Jennie Kerstetter, of Laurelton, is spending a short time with friends in Centre Hall.

Pruner Orphanage, in Bellefonte, has been placed in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clevenstine.

The members of the Bradford hunting party who killed deer this season were John Bohn, George W. Bradford and Philip Bradford.

Sheriff-elect Hurley has appointed Harry Goss, of Philipsburg, as deputy sheriff. Mr. Goss bears a good reputation, and doubtless will make a good under officer.

Miss Maude Sechrist, the primary school teacher in Centre Hall, made a trip to New York city, leaving here Wednesday afternoon and returning Monday morning.

Miss Nellie Harpster, the sixteen-year-old daughter of George Harpster, of Bellefonte, who has been seriously ill, is much better, and it is hoped she will continue to recover.

Rev. W. D. Donat, pastor of the Reformed church, Aaronsburg charge, was elected stated clerk of the West Susquehanna classis at a special meeting of classis held at Williamsport.

In making up your Christmas packages remember they will not be complete without having on them one or more National Red Cross stamps. These stamps can be had at this office, at one cent each.

The foot and mouth disease among the cattle in Pennsylvania is becoming serious. The "hand to mouth" disease among the mechanics, railroad men, iron workers and laborers in Pennsylvania is also alarming.

Emanuel Kerstetter, who has been occupying the Kerstetter farm near Coburn for the past thirty-five years, will retire from farming next spring. W. F. Musser, of Pine Creek, will take possession of the farm on April 1st.

A double house on Lamb street, Bellefonte, owned by Boyd Noll, of Zion, and occupied by William Miller, was burned Thursday morning of last week. The loss to Mr. Noll will be about $1800. None of the personal property of either of the tenants was insured.

A five-pronged buck came home with the cattle of Eli Masemore, near Atkinson Mills, Wayne township, Mifflin county. The deer followed the cattle into the barnyard and as soon as Mr. Masemore could get the buck in range without danger of killing one of his cows he shot it.

The commodious cow barn erected J. W. Mitterling has been painted by John T. Noll and assistants, of Pleasant Gap, and now presents a fine appearance. The barn has stalls to accommodate forty cows, and then there remains room for others that can be safely turned loose. The barn also has quarters for several horses, vehicles, etc.

The Thanksgiving supper in Grange Arcadia was fairly well patronized, and the result is the treasury has been replenished to some extent. The funds accruing from the supper, and all similar affairs held in the hall by the members of Progress Grange, are applied to the liquidation of the indebtedness of Grange Arcadia, which structure is a credit to Centre Hall.

William H. Baird, south of Centre Hall, is having a well dug on his farm. The drilling is being done by the Ecroids, of Pennsdale, Lycoming county. For many years the water supply on the farm has been uncertain but Mr. Baird intends avoiding future shortage of water provided it can be found within a depth that can be reached by modern well-digging machinery.

Assessor George H. Emerick thinks there is a considerable increase in the dog stock in Potter township over that indicated in the old assessment list. He has been appraiser in a number of cases where dogs and sheep were mixed up, and doubtless has come to the correct conclusion that the dog should bear his full share of the tax burdens. Really, there is not the first shadow of reason for the existence of one-twenty-fifth of the dogs.

The cost of supplying Centre Hall with water has not been measured in pennies, yet this town can consider itself very fortunate in having had a good supply of the needful during the past six months. And as to the cost, if compared to the expense of supplying the average farm with water, the borough is again fortunate, as the cost has not been nearly as much—per dollar of assessed valuation—as it costs the average farm owner to erect and conduct a water plant that in many cases serves him only when there is plenty of water everywhere.

LATEST NEWS
BY TELEGRAPH

Domestic

After a protracted conference at Hot Springs between President-elect Taft and Timothy L. Woodruff, New York state chairman, announcement was made that Mr. Woodruff had eliminated himself from the New York senatorial race in favor of Secretary Root.

Hope is now entertained for the recovery of Dr. Andrew G. McCosh, house surgeon of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, who was seriously injured in a runaway accident.

Strikers at the plant of the National Fireproofing Company, at Keasley, N. J., are still holding out for $1.50 a day. The company offers $1.40.

Fire at the car shops of J. G. Brill & Co., in Philadelphia, caused the destruction of trolley cars and other equipment to the amount of $200,000.

By a narrow margin of only a few inches a skidding automobile, in which Charles Dan Gibson and Norman Hapgood were ridng, escaped plunging over a 500-foot precipice near Portland, Ore.

Miss Louise Gates, prominent in society at Sherman, Tex., was accidentally shot to death with a target rifle in the hands of a girl companion, Miss Gladys Ely.

James F. Aldrich, of Little Falls, N. Y., a member of the freshman class of the University of Maine, was drowned in Pushaw Lake near Orono, Me.

The Western Pacific Railroad Company announced the completion of its Flower Lake tunnel, which cuts through the Pequoq Mountains in Nye County, Nev.

Charles E. Jinkens, a publisher of Philadelphia, was found dead of heart disease in his room at the Kaiserhof Hotel, Chicago.

Walter Rhea Whitman, member of the bankrupt stock exchange firm of A. O. Brown & Co., of New York, who was office manager of the firm, was arrested on an indictment charging grand larceny.

Fog, paralyzing in its effect on traffic on land and sea, which has hung over New York for two days, has tied up shipping in the worst blockade that the city has experienced in 25 years.

Robbers dynamited the vault of the Towanda State Bank at Towanda, Kan., 20 miles east of Wichita, secured $2,500 and escaped on a hand car. A posse is in pursuit.

Rev. Silas C. Swallow has written an open letter to the President criticising his statement that a voter ought not to consider the religious beliefs of a candidate.

John D. Archbold testified that the Standard Oil Company consumed 64,958,301 barrels of crude oil and had 3,573 marketing stations in 1906.

R. W. Drake, a prominent planter, was murdered at his home, near Laneville, Hale County, Ky. His house was burned.

Engineer Julius Severson, of the Burlington Road, stuck to his post during a collision, being buried under six box cars, but saving his train.

A committee has been named to raise a fund of a half million dollars for the Lincoln Memorial University.

A wireless station in San Francisco has picked up code messages believed to have originated in Japan.

Foreign

Mme. Steinheil, whose husband, the painter, and a Mme. Japy were murdered in Paris May 31 last, was placed under arrest on suspicion. It is rumored that prominent personages are involved, and all Paris is worked up over the case.

It is anonunced an agreement has been reached between Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou and W. G. Irwin for the exchange of the site of the federal building in Honolulu for a tract of Irwin's land wanted by the government.

No British warships have been ordered to Haiti, the consul general of Great Britain at Port au Prince having informed the Foreign Office that he is not apprehensive of any danger to British subjects or British interests.

Professors Beattie and Morrison, who have been commissioned by the Carnegie Institute at Washington to undertake a magnetic survey across Africa from Cape Town to Cairo, have begun their labors.

Count Boni de Castellane's counsel in pleading for having the children removed from the custody of Prince and Princess de Sagan, made a terrific arraignment of Prince Helie's scandalous doings.

General Leconte, the Haitien minister of the interior, ordered the execution of Captain Ostema, of the gunboat Croyant and of two citizens of Jerenire and was then himself killed.

The British steamer Sardinia was burned at the entrance to the harbor of Valetta, Island of Malta, and over a hundred of her passengers, mostly Arab pilgrims, were lost.

A fire broke out on the Hospital Ship Relief while on her way from Manila to Guam, and she returned under her own steam.

The American Association of Merchants at Shanghai resolved in favor of trial by jury in the American court here.

The mutinous outbreak at Nanking is reported to have been suppressed.

It is denied that King Manuel was mobbed in the streets of Lisbon.

While much interest is manifested in Germany in General Lord Robert's statement that a million troops were needed in England for protection against possible German invasion, no comment is made in official circles.

The dispute between Germany and France over the seizure by French officials at Casablanca, Morocco, of deserters from the French Foreign Legion has been referred to the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

NAME MEN FOR MR. TAFT'S CABINET

Franck H. Hitchcock to Be Made Postmaster General.

MR. MEYER TO SUCCEED MR. ROOT.

Treasury Portfolio May Go to Myron Herrick—Forecast of the Official Family to Take Charge of the Departments on March 5—Fills Every Place But Secretaryship of Interior.

TAFT'S TENTATIVE CABINET.

Secretary of State—George Von L. Meyer.
Secretary of Treasury—Myron T. Herrick.
Attorney General—Frank B. Kellogg, Wade Ellis.
Secretary Commerce and Labor—James R. Garfield.
Secretary of Agriculture—James Wilson.
Secretary of War—Luke E. Wright.
Secretary of Navy—Truman H. Newberry.
Postmaster General—Frank H. Hitchcock.
Secretary of Interior—Unknown.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Mr. Frank H. Hitchcock will become Postmaster General in Mr. Taft's cabinet. The announcement was made here. It created not the slightest ripple of surprise, for every man has known from the hour that Mr. Hitchcock was appointed chairman of the Republican National Committee that in the event of Republican success Mr. Hitchcock would become Postmaster General.

Having served several years with splendid success as First Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. Hitchcock is thoroughly qualified by experience to preside over the postoffice department, and his appointment, therefore, is due him on merit. But the fact that he was chairman of the successful national committee made him the logical Postmaster General, for in recent years it has become customary to make the chairman of the national committee the Postmaster General.

Four years ago Chairman Cortelyou became Postmaster General, and now Chairman Hitchcock will hold the same office. The present Postmaster, Mr. Meyer, is slated for the Department of State, after possibly a few months' service as Secretary of the Treasury. The Treasury portfolio would gratify Mr. Myron Herrick, of Ohio, and his recent visits to Hot Springs, as well as to Washington, have been in connection with that ambition.

Mr. Bonaparte will be succeeded either by Mr. Kellogg, who is now in the limelight each day in New York trying the Standard Oil case, or possibly by Wade Ellis, of Ohio, now an assistant attorney general in Washington.

Secretary Oscar Straus, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, expects to go, and it is likely that he will be succeeded by James R. Garfield, the present Secretary of the Interior. Mr. Garfield began his official career in Washington as commissioner of the Bureau of Corporations, the most important branch of the Department of Commerce, and it is believed that he would cheerfully return to the head of the department where he began his career.

In the event of this transfer the Department of the Interior will go to some man from the far West, or the Pacific Slope, neither of which sections of the country is represented in Cabinet since the resignation of Secretary Metcalf, of the Navy.

The Interior Department is practically the only department in which the people of the far West and of the Slope are vitally interested, and all their efforts at securing representation in the Cabinet will be centered on naming the new secretary of the interior. Secretary Wilson will remain in the cabinet, but is is generally understood that he will resign in a year, when he will have made the record for the longest continued service of any Cabinet officer. When he finally resigns his position will be offered to Gifford Pinchot, at present chief forester. So far as it is known Secretary Wright and Secretary Newberry will not be immediately disturbed, but Mr. Loeb, at present secretary to the president, can have Mr. Newberry's place if he cares for it.

HUNDRED LIVES LOST.

Coasting Steamer Sinks Off The Philippine Islands.

Manila (Special).—The coasting steamer Ponting, carrying a large number of laborers from Narvcan to the rice fields in Pangasinan province, struck a rock and sank during a storm off the town of San Fernandino, in Union province. It is estimated that a hundred of the passengers and crew of the Ponting were drowned. The steamer Vigcaya rescued 55.

A patrol of constabulary, which was established immediately after the accident, picked up 15 bodies, and many were coming ashore. It is not known whether any Americans or Europeans were aboard the wrecked steamer.

China Sends Thanks.

San Francisco (Special).—Prince Tsai Fu and Special Ambassador Tang Shao Yi, China's emissaries of peace, good will and friendship toward the United States, arrived here on the Liner Mongolia and received a notable demonstration of welcome from thousands of Chinese and federal and state officials. The Chinese dignitaries are on their way to Washington to convey to this government the thanks of China for release from the "Boxer indemnity."

WAGNER WINS IN THRILLING STYLE

Establishes New Road Record in Grand Prize Race.

FINISHED IN SAVANNAH RACE.

The times of the nine cars that finished in the Grand Prize race at Savannah, in hours, minutes and seconds, were as follows:

Finish—Car—Driver.	Time.
1—Fiat—Wagner	6.10.31
2—Benz—Hemery	6.11.27
3—Fiat—Nazarro	6.18.47
4—Benz—Hanriot	6.26.12
5—Clement-B—Hautvast .	6.34.06
6—Renault—Strang	6.43.37
7—Clement-B—Rigal	6.45.49
8—Itala—Fournier	6.46.32
9—Fiat—De Palma— ...	6.51.34

Savannah, Ga. (Special).—The power of sixscore horses, crashing and roaring in the cylinders of a Fiat car, sent plunging through changing fog and sunshine over 402 miles of lilac oiled roadways by the experienced hands of Louis Wagner, won the most spectacular, the longest and fastest international automobile race ever held in this country.

Fate played a game of hide and seek with three grim and grimy hooded figures that sat behind big steering wheels and throttles, and fought with skill and daring for an advance of seconds at the finish of the more than six hours of driving, driving, driving through the stifling fumes of burning oil into storms of sand and gravel thrown up by the flying wheels of the car ahead at a risk of life and limb for the honor of a trophy cup and a purse of gold.

The three drivers who clung together from the very start were shuffled about like so many cards as the flying laps were reeled off. For a time there was a fourth figure in the leading column, but when little more than a minute separated the first from the last of the cars in the whirring quartet, a caprice of fortune sent one pitching from the road. Out of the mass of wreckage Fritz Erle, who had been driving the German Benz, No. 19, was taken with a broken nose and a broken jaw. Still the struggle continued, and it was not until the last minute of the last lap that the tide of victory turned to Wagner.

Nazarro Hesitated And Lost.

Nazarro, the wonderful Italian driver, holder of world's records and winner of countless contests, who had clung tenaciously to a narrow margin of lead for more than a hundred miles, hesitated long enough at the supply pits to change a weakening tire and lost. The treacherous rubber tubing burst as he was about to enter the homestretch and the three minutes of delay that followed sent the Grand Prix winner of last year and his Fiat No. 6 from first to third position. Hemery, in a German Benz, No. 8, favorite of the followers of automobiling, took second honors.

It was not until the official time was announced that the actual winner was known—that Wagner had hurled himself to victory by the slender margin of 56 seconds. Hemery was the first to finish the 16 laps of the race and enthusiastic thousands hailed him as a winner, without heed of the six minutes' grace which Wagner held. Hemery being sent away at the start at 9.52 and Wagner not getting the word to go until 9.58.

PILFERED MONEY FROM MAILS.

Head Of Letter-Carriers' Association Is Sent To Prison.

Chicago, Ill. (Special).—The most severe sentence ever given by the federal court in Chicago to a letter thief was meted out to Robert F. Palmer. Palmer, who was president of the City Letter Carriers' Association of Illinois and superintendent of a Sunday School at Joliet, Ill., admitted that he had been pilfering money from letters intrusted to him during the last 17 years. He pleaded guilty and, despite pleas for leniency entered by a banker, two State senators and other prominent friends, he was sentenced to serve three and one-half years in the house of correction.

Bulgaria And Turkey Agree.

Paris (By Cable).—Official advices received here indicate that Bulgaria and Turkey have practically come to terms in the matter of Bulgaria's declaration of independence on the following basis: Bulgaria is to pay Turkey from $12,000,000 to $14,000,000 on account of Rumelia and $10,000,000 on account of the railroad. The capitalization of the Rumelian tribute and the participation of Bulgaria in the Turkish debt is to be left to the international congress.

IN THE WORLD OF FINANCE

Atchison's gross earnings in October decreased $316,834, but net profits gained $443,853.

Wall Street firms say they are getting big orders for stocks from Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago and other large cities.

Copper Range Consolidated declared a quarterly dividend of $1 a share. This is the same amount as was paid one year ago, but two years ago $2 was distributed.

Lackawanna Railroad directors declared an extra dividend of 10 per cent. The same amount was paid last year. As the regular dividend is also 20 per cent., shareholders receive 20 per cent. annually.

Lead miners are keenly alive to the talk of tariff revision. The duty is 2¼ cents a pound on pig lead, which is virtually half of its selling value. That high duty shuts out foreign lead quite effectually. Any drastic cut in the schedule would be felt instantly by all the lead producers.

Persons connected with the Rawhide Coalition mines at Rawhide say that favorable developments have been made on the Happy Hooligan claim. They report a gain in values which in some places are said to run as high as $100 to the ton.

THE DEATH PIT AT MARIANNA

One Hundred and Thirty-eight Killed in the Disaster.

TWENTY-FIVE BODIES ARE FOUND.

Full Count of Those Lost in the Model Mining Town Disaster Cannot Be Ascertained—Recovered Bodies Are Terribly Mutilated—Victims Are Americans.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).—Twenty-five bodies, all but two of them horribly mutilated and a number of them dismembered, were taken Sunday from the mine of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal Company, at Marianna, 40 miles south of here, where an explosion occurred killing over 100 men and casting into gloom what was until then considered the model mining town of the world.

There is no doubt that the death list will reach 138 men. Officials of the company, who stated that not over 125 had been killed, admit that 138 men went down the shaft to work. According to miners and others familiar with the number of men generally employed in the mine the death list will exceed the company's estimate by at least 50.

As in nearly all mine disasters there seems no way at present of knowing how many men went to work. The number check-off system has again proved defective and from no source can an accurate statement as to the fatalities be secured. It is possible that the exact number of men killed will never be known. Up to darkness 25 bodies had been brought to the surface in an iron bucket.

Owner's Cousin Found.

Two of the men taken from the mine had been suffocated and their bodies were not even scratched. One of these was John Ivill, a cousin of John H. Jones, president of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal Company, owners of the mine, who was employed as head timekeeper. Ivill's body was found beneath a coal-digging machine and it was apparent that the young man had crawled there in a vain effort to escape the deadly fumes.

The body of the other man was found near Ivill. The unfortunate had placed his face in a pool of water, which all miners are advised to do when an explosion occurs, in a desperate attempt to fight off suffocation until rescued.

During the afternoon the coroner of Washington County held a meeting to organize a jury and then adjourned until all of the bodies have been taken from the mine. The opinion was expressed by a number of expert miners that the mine will not be cleared of victims for several days.

Fire In The Mine.

A small fire broke out in the mine. Several fire bosses properly equipped were hurried into the mine and succeeded in extinguishing the blaze before any serious damage was done. Reports have been in circulation all day that a second and more terrific explosion is likely to occur at any moment. The company officials assert this is not true. There is considerable gas in the mine, however, and there is undoubtedly danger of a second explosion.

PRESIDENT WANTS THE NAVY REORGANIZED

Mr. Roosevelt Said to Be Determined to Make Changes.

New York (Special).—In an article entitled "President Roosevelt and the Navy's Renaissance," which is to appear in the forthcoming number of Pearson's Magazine, Henry Reuterdahl gives what purports to be the views of President Roosevelt on the Navy, none the least interesting of which is his attitude in regard to a reorganization of that department.

The article is the result of an inview which Mr. Reuterdahl had with the President; but the writer refrains from quoting Mr. Roosevelt directly, save in a few instances. One of these is in regard to the reorganization of the entire department.

Mr. Reuterdahl is the marine artist who made the voyage around South America with the fleet and who has been very outspoken in his criticism of the Navy in some respects.

The President, Mr. Reuterdahl says, strongly believes that the Navy can only be made better by changing the administration of the Navy deparment and that his wish is to do as much for the Navy in this respect as he has done for the Army. Mr. Reuterdahl quotes Mr. Roosevelt as saying:

"I have from time to time recommended the reorganization of the Navy Department; it is absolutely necessary and we will work until we get it, and we shall get it."

Politics In The Service.

Mr. Reuterdahl goes on to say that Mr. Roosevelt believes in this connection that "the tide of politics must be stemmed and not allowed to interfere with the efficiency of the service."

The President, he says, wants a fleet of ships in each ocean, and believes with this accomplished and the Panama Canal completed the United States can look forward to years of peace and prosperity.

A Mean Bridegroom.

Boston, Mass. (Special).—James Vogel, of this city, who was married by Edward Brown, a justice of the peace, has brought suit against Mr. Brown for a penalty of $30 upon the ground that Mr. Brown illegally charged him $5 for the service. Mr. Vogel declares that $1.25 is the legal fee for a justice of the peace marrying a couple. Mr. Brown says he did other and more service than the statute prescribes, for he left his office and went to Mr. Vogel's house to perform the marriage.

FIRE AND PANIC ON SHIP AT SEA

Over One Hundred Suffer An Awful Death.

Valetta, Island of Malta (By Cable).—A terrible disaster, in which more than a hundred persons lost their lives, occurred at the entrance to this port, within sight of the whole population of the city, who were powerless to give aid. The British steamer Sardinia, of the Ellerman Line, hailing from Liverpool and bound for Alexandria, with a crew of 44 Englishmen, 11 first and 6 second cabin English passengers and nearly 200 Arab pilgrims, caught fire and, within a few minutes, was a roaring furnace surrounded by clouds of black smoke, through which the flames burst upward to a height to 200 feet from the frequent explosions in the hold.

So rapidly did the fire spread that the frantic efforts of the crew to operate the fire apparatus proved useless, for it seemed but a moment before the upper works and masts crashed down upon the deck, while the ship's boats were crushed by the falling debris or set fire and quickly burned.

Safety lay only in the sea, for no one could save himself except by jumping overboard and taking chances of being picked up. Assistance was hurried to the burning vessel from all the warships in the harbor and from the shore, but the work of rescue was greatly impended by the strong tide that was running. Even the naval launches, which came as fast as they could be driven, were unable to go alongside. Among the Arabs there was a panic that could not be controlled. Many of them were too frightened to jump and they were burned to death. Others casting themselves into the waves were drowned.

Perished At His Post.

The crew behaved with admirable courage, serving out life preservers to the last and working the pumps. When the pumps became useless Capt. Charles Littler, commander of the Sardinia, took the helm and directed his ship towards the shore so long as it could be navigated. He perished at his post. First Officer Frank Watson, all three engineers, Seagraves, Hislop and Neil, eighteen of the ship's company and two first-class passengers, one of them a boy named Grant, are missing. Fifty or more bodies have been recovered and seventy persons were rescued. It is impossible at present to say just how many were drowned or burned to death, because the list of Arab pilgrims is incomplete, but the number will doubtless far exceed a hundred.

After the vessel refused to obey her helm, she drifted around three times, and finally was beached broadside on the rocks at the mouth of the harbor. She is still burning and will be a total loss.

The British Vice Admiral Sir Assheton Curzon-Howe and Admiral Fisher directed the rescuing boats, which did gallant work in saving those who were yet alive and bringing the bodies of the dead ashore. Captain Littler's body, which was terribly mutilated, was landed this afternoon in the presence of great crowds, who stood uncovered. The other bodies were also mutilated and burned. Fifty-six of the injured are being cared for in the hospitals.

DOINGS AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Former Queen Liliuokalani arrived to present her petition to Congress for indemnification for the loss of her lost crown lands in Hawaii.

The director of the census submitted his annual report, which included his estimates of the cost of taking the next census.

The annual report of the Isthmian Canal Commission was submitted to the Secretary of War by Lieutenant Colonel Goethals.

Postmaster General Meyer submitted his annual report, which shows the largest deficit in the history of the department.

Congress will be expected to provide for a deficit that has occurred in the immigration fund.

Considerable alarm is felt at the War Department over the fact that the Army transport Dixie, en route from Seattle to Manila with a cargo of 200 horses and 250 mules, is six days overdue.

President Roosevelt has signed proclamations creating the Ocala National Forest in Marion County, Fla., and the Dakota National Forest in Billings County, North Dakota.

It has been decided that six of the eight submarine torpedo boats, bids for which were recently opened at the Navy Department, will be either built or delivered on the Pacific Coast.

The Treasury purchased 100,000 ounces of silver for delivery at New York, 75,000 ounces for delivery at New Orleans and 50,000 ounces for delivery at Denver.

[illegible] a single case of plague has been discovered on the Pacific Coast [illegible] last February, according to a report made by Dr. Walter Wyman.

The Census Bureau made public a bulletin showing a notable increase in the ratio of divorces to marriage in this country.

The indications are that the tariff on iron, steel and metal products will be reduced in the next tariff bill.

Public Printer John S. Leech resigned, and Samuel B. Donnelly, of Brooklyn, was appointed to succeed him.

The plague situation on the Pacific Coast is said to have greatly improved within the last few months.

Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Coolidge were heard by the monetary committee regarding proposed revision of the currency laws.

Orders were issued by the Navy Department to the protected cruiser Tacoma to proceed to Haiti for the protection of American interests during the present uprising there.

The President has approved a draft of a walking test for officers of the Navy.

AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JAPANESE

The United States Makes a Very Important Move.

FOR CONTROL OF THE PACIFIC.

A Declaration of United Policy for Encouraging Free and Peaceful Commercial Development in the Pacific—A Practical Alliance to Defend China's Independence and Integrity.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

To encourage free development of their commerce in the Pacific.

Equal opportunity for commerce and industry in China.

A mutual disclaimer of an aggressive design.

Each to respect the territorial possession in the Pacific of the other.

To support by all peaceful means the independence and integrity of China.

In event of complications threatening the status quo to consult with a view of acting together.

Washington (Special). — Despite official reticence, information from reliable sources has been obtained of an agreement of far-reaching importance between the United States and Japan covering the policy of the two countries in the Pacific.

The agreement is based upon the idea of encouraging and defending free and peaceful commercial development in the Pacific. It contains not only a mutual guarantee to respect each other's territorial possession's there, but defines the attitude of the two countries toward China, binding each to defend by every peaceful means China's independence and integrity, and to give equal commercial opportunity in the Chinese Empire to all nations. But more important still, the agreement, in the event of complications threatening the status quo, binds the United States and Japan to consult each other, with a view of acting together.

The agreement has been drawn up in the form of a declaration and consists of five articles, of which the following is an accurate and faithful description. The first article gives expression to the wish of the two governments to encourage the free and peaceful development of their commerce in the Pacific. The second is a mutual disclaimer of an aggressive design and contains also a definition of the policy of each government, both as directed to the maintenance of the existing status quo in the Pacific, and the defense of the principle of equal opportunity for commerce and industry in China.

The third article contains a statement of the consequent "firm" reciprocal resolution of each government each to respect the territorial possession in the Pacific of the other. In the fourth article the United States and Japan express their determination, "in the common interest of all the powers" in China, to support "by all peaceful means at their disposal" the independence and integrity of China and the principle of equal commercial and industrial opportunity for all nations in the empire.

The fifth article mutually pledges the two governments, in the case of "the occurrence of any event threatening the status quo, as above described, or the principle of equal opportunity, as above defined," to communicate with each other for the purpose of arriving at a mutual understanding with regard to the measures that may consider it useful to take.

SHOT IN THE BACK.

Perry Ussery Assassinated At Barnwell, S. C.

Charleston, S. C. (Special). — A mysterious assassination occurred at Barnwell, when Perry Ussery, a young white man was shot in the back of the head with a load of buckshot and slugs, while he was talking to a friend on the edge of the grounds of a carnival which was in progress. He died instantly. Marvin Holland, to whom he was talking, was slightly wounded.

The shot was fired from out of the darkness and immediately after the shooting a man, whose identity has not been established, was seen running toward a nearby swamp with a gun in his hands.

Bloodhounds from the state penitentiary followed the trail through the swamp, losing it in the road on the other side.

Bride And Groom Drowned.

Dallas, Tex. (Special). — Peter Thorpe and his bride and the sister of Mr. Thorpe were drowned near Robey, Tex., while driving in a carriage, crossing a bridge on Cottonwood Creek, during a rainstorm. The flooring of the bridge was slippery. One of the horses lost its footing, slipped sidewise and all were precipitated into the swollen stream.

Bank Clerk Drops Dead.

Richmond, Va. (Special).—Norman S. Morton, chief clerk at the State Bank of Virginia, of this city, dropped dead at his home at Bon Air. He is supposed to have been suffering from heart failure. The particulars are not known in this city. Morton was 39 years old, and is survived by his wife and one child.

Large Orders For Rails.

Louisville, Ky. (Special).—Within the next two weeks the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, it is authoritatively said, will close a contract with English and Belgium rolling mills for about 65,000 tons of steel rails, to be delivered at Pensacola, Fla., in the course of the next three years. Figures are in possession of the Louisville and Nashville officials from Belgium and English rolling mills which, with the added duty, are below the estimate of the United States Steel Corporation for the contract.

A Maiden's No.

She thought to mask her heart from me
With jest and laughter gay,
I knew she loved me by her glance.
(She looked the other way.)

I sent her roses, begging she
would wear them. The coquette
Told me she loved me by her choice.
(She wore some mignonette.)

And when a rival claimed my waltz
By her capricious whim
She plainly showed she cared for me.
(She gave the dance to him.)

She loved me well, and one fair night
I asked her if 'twere so,
I knew it by her whispering word.
(She softly whispered "no.")
—Carolyn Wells, in Detroit Free Press.

Prof. Hydrogen's Discovery.

By M. Downey.

I sat in my office in New York, one afternoon late in November, with a letter on my desk. It was from my sister.

"Come home," she said, "and spend Thanksgiving with us. You have made excuses before, but don't do so this time. Drop business for a few days, and write that you will be here. Let us have an old-fashioned Thanksgiving once more."

How could I go? I would have to start on the day before the holiday, and, with us, that was always a busy day. Then there were other reasons why I should remain in New York. But the more I reflected, the more plainly I pictured in my mind the old home. Some one could take my place for a day or two; the engagements could be put over for a time. I felt a longing for the scenes of my childhood. I had stayed away too long. I resolved to go home.

The morning before Thanksgiving Day found me a passenger on the day express for Boston. I had calculated to arrive there about mid afternoon, and to reach Beverly, my destination, about six o'clock. Then for a brisk drive, or sleigh ride, three miles over the hills to the well remembered farmhouse.

As the train whirled along I settled back in my seat, and, forgetting the cares of business, gave myself up to pleasant anticipation. A fine, driving snowstorm had set in, and bid fair to continue all day.

A tall man, wearing glasses, and having a scholarly appearance, occupied the seat across the aisle from me. My attention had been drawn to him by his asking me for a match just before the train started, as he made some remark upon the snowstorm. After we had got under way, I noticed him two or three times regarding me intently, as though anxious to engage in conversation.

I lay back in my seat, with my head resting on the cushions, lazily watching the driving snowflakes, and listening to the humming of the wheels as we rode along, preferring to be left to my reflections. Presently he rose and came over to where I was sitting. Seating himself in the vacant place beside me he asked:

"How far are you going?"

"Boston," I replied.

"That's my destination also," he said. "Do you stay there?"

"No," I answered. "I go on to Beverly."

He then handed me a card, which read: "Professor Hydrogen, Chemist and Inventor." This aroused my interest, and I gave the professor my card. We talked for a while about chemistry, on which he seemed well posted.

"Are you interested in explosive?" he finally asked, in a confidential manner.

I replied that I had read a good deal on the subject, as it was a science which interested me very much.

"Can you spare time, when we get to Boston, to come with me to my laboratory? I will show you something which I am sure you will regard as the wonder of the century. You will have time enough to get your train. I will not keep you long."

I readily agreed to accompany him, as I would have an hour to spare, and this was a chance of seeing some marvel recently discovered.

Upon our arrival at Boston we made our way through the crowded station to the street. The professor hailed a South End trolley car; his place, he said, was on Dover street. As we rode, he informed me that he had discovered a new explosive which would in a short time be used throughout the world.

"Dynamite and gunpowder," he said, "will no longer be in use when my new product is given a chance to show what it can do."

Upon reaching his home he showed me up-stairs to a small room, which appeared to be in the centre of the building, as there were no windows opening from it, light being furnished by means of a single gas jet, which was kept burning at all times.

"This is my laboratory," said my host, with pride. "This is where my idea first came to me, and where I have worked out all the details. See—here is the 'Destroyer' itself. That's the name I have given my invention. I have perfected it, so that it only requires the addition of the contents of this bottle to start it," he explained, at the same time taking a bottle filled wih some liquid from a shelf. "Three minues after this is added nothing can stop an explosion, which would have force enough to totally demolish this entire building."

"But, professor" I said, "you have not given me the names of the ingredients which go to make up the explosive."

"And you could hardly expect me to do that—yet. I must first protect my patent right and in the meantime must keep my secret," replied the professor.

As he spoke, he walked toward the machine, which appeared similar to a large clock, and was constructed of heavy iron. He still held the bottle in his hand. Suddenly, his foot catching in a torn place in the carpet, he was thrown violently; the bottle fell from his hand and was dashed to pieces against the top of the machine.

He arose, pale as death, and appeared to be terribly excited.

"Go! Get out of here!" he cried. "The contents of that bottle have gone in with the rest. Come! No time to explain now—run for your life! This building will be a wreck in three minutes!" And without waiting to see whether I followed or not, he dashed from the room, slamming the door after him.

I started to follow, but found to my horror that the door on which was a spring lock was fast. It was of solid oak—I could not force it. I was locked into the room with an explosive about to go off, and had no power to hinder the catastrophe.

I turned to the machine. It was iron covered and resisted my every effort to reach the inside. If the professor spoke the truth, I had less than two minutes to live.

The old farmhouse, the meadows, the brook where I used to fish, the schoolhouse, all came back to me in that short time. I thought of my parents and my sister, waiting, looking forward to the holiday, and the family reunited. Would they ever hear what had become of me? The newspapers would, no doubt, have an account of a fatal explosion, but without the details.

Oh, why had I been foolish enough to let my curiosity lead me into such a trap? Had I said good-by to the professor when we left the train, I would not now be facing death in a little eight by ten foot room.

I noticed that the machine seemed to vibrate; a dull, clicking sound came from the inside, followed by a sound like escaping steam. I crowded myself into the furthest corner of the room. Suddenly the machine seemed to rise and rend itself asunder. I was conscious of a dull glare, a grinding sort of roar; the walls seemed to collapse all at once, and then——

"Worcester! Worcester!"

I woke with a start and picked myself up from the floor of the car, where I had slid from my seat while asleep. The train glided into a large covered station. We had arrived at Worcester. Boston was still a little over one hour's ride distant.

"Did you notice a passenger in the seat opposite me?" I asked of a man in the seat ahead. "A tall gentleman wearing glasses?"

"Yes," he answered. "He left the train, I think, at Hartford."—Waverly Magazine.

THE VENICE OF THE NORTH.

A First View of Dantzic, the Romantic City of Northern Melancholy.

A Baltic fog rolled in from the north as my train rolled in from the south, says Robert Haven Schauffler, writing of "Romantic Germany; Dantzic," in the "Century," bringing an ideal hour for the first impressions of a city so full of Northern melancholy, a city so far from the beaten track and so romantic, as Dantzic. Down a street full of gargoyles and strange platforms there loomed through the mist a monstrous church, crowned with pinnacles and a huge, blunt tower.

A gate that seemed like the facade of an Italian palace pierced by a triumphal arch opened on a street of fascinating old gables, and beyond them rose a Rathus with a most exquisite steeple. I passed between tall, slim palaces, through the arches of a water-gate, and came out by the river, to fill my lungs with a sudden draught of ozone and to realize that I was almost in the presence of the Baltic.

Toward the sea swept an unbroken line of romantic architecture, narrow, sharp-gabled houses intermingled with towered water-gates, and, last of all, the profile of the Krahn Thor, or Crane Gate, Dantzic's unique landmark, its stories projecting one beyond another. On the island formed by two arms of the Mottlau the black and white of half-timbered granaries started strongly out of the mist.

The river bristled with romantic shipping; and as I walked along the quay, I caught, between gables, the glow of the lights of the Langemarket flushing the fog into a rosy cloud the center of which was the steeple of the Rathaus. It was as though beauty had been given an aureole.

I turned a corner and wandered along the other shore of the island, past a deserted waterway and a strange, crumbling tower called the Milk-can Gate, then back again to the Green Bridge. The darkness had thickened so that one could no longer distinguish the separate house-fronts, but all the lamps along the shore had their soft auras of mist, and the surface of the water was one delicate shimmer, with strong columns of light at regular intervals, among which the crimson lantern of a passing boat wrought amazing effects.

Where had I known such an evening before? As memory wandered idly about the harbor of Lubeck, the bridges of Nuremberg, the riversides of Wurzburg and Breslau, I was flashed in a trice to the "Siren of seacities," that floating film upon the wonder-fraught Ocean of dreams, and it came to me with a glow of pleasure that this place had from of old been called "The Venice of the North."

This, then, was my introduction to Dantzic, and I niver think of it without seeing streets full of high, narrow facades melting one into another, gently curving streets alive with rich reliefs, statues of blurred worthies, and inquisitive gargoyles, the blunt, mighty Church of St. Mary looming above them like a mountain. I can never see the name of Dantzic without beholding a dusky waterway lined with medieval structures and—strange juxtaposition—a jewel of Reformation art with its rosy aureole.

TOYS OR FIZZ-JIGS?

Isn't the Child's Preference for the Former Plain and Unmistakable.

Pending the investigation of the toy question by some learned society or sociological expert which we should suppose must be certain to take place, we venture to suggest one probable conclusion of such investigation, and to submit the question of its soundness to those of our readers who as a result of Christmas are in a position to observe the varying effects of the different kinds of toys upon the temper, happiness and general well-being of the victims—we mean the recipients.

The conclusion which we thus submit is that what children want is toys and not fizz-jigs—things that they can play with, not things of the song and dance variety, sole artists that need to be wound up and then do all the playing for themselves. What a child wants from his toys is not primarily entertainment, but expression; the expression of his own ideas through the use of his own faculties, not the expression of the ingenuity of the clever man who made the toy. Toys are accordingly welcomed to him are treasured, and become a part of his life. In proportion as they are plastic to his hand and mind, in proportion as he can build with them or use them in the drama of which so great a part of his play consists. Sand is the most popular play material with very small children; then come blocks, then a variety of objects, but always such as the child can do things with, up to the football or baseball of college sport.

A doll that could dance ragtime and whistle "Hail, Columbia," would not be so popular, after the first five minutes, as a clothespin dressed in a bit of rag. The mechanical marvel is good when ragtime and "Hail, Columbia," are wanted—that is, fairly good, not quite so good as she would be if she did not provide the music and dancing for herself. All the rest of the time she is wholly and perfectly useless. The rag doll on the other hand, has endless possibilities. Like the American girl, she is fit for any part and will adorn any station in life, from cook to princess as if she had been born to it. And such must a real doll be, or lose her job, for life is varied and exacting, and one doll in her time plays many parts.—Boston Evening Transcript.

A Modern Pearl Farm.

In the Gulf of Lower California there is in operation the largest pearl farm in the world, where the cultivation of pearls has been taken up as a practical industry. To harvest the annual crop of pearls raised on this farm requires the labor of a thousand persons, including the modern pearl divers, whose methods have been completely revolutionized by the up-to-date appliances employed in this new industry. Pearl farming, as originated by the Mexican company which owns the big Lower California farm, is the result of the discovery of a very simple fact concerning pearl-bearing mollusks. After twenty-five years of study and experiment it was discovered that the shell loses its gem after it is two years old and unless opened at the proper time there will be no pearl within. Following this discovery the system whereby the shells are cultivated until the proper time and then opened was devised. From the time of planting the eggs to the harvesting of the crop two years must elapse, as that length of time is required for the growth of an ordinary shell.—Chicago News.

Wanted the Rice.

"You've heard of the tramp that went to the hotel where Anna Held wuz stoppin' and asked for the milk which she is 'sposed to take her bath in?" asked the porter on the Santa Fe Limited the other day. "Well, I've got one most as good as that. A bride an' groom got on the Limited at Empory t'other night. Their folks showered 'em with rice right and proper, an' the hull car floor wuz jest littered with the stuff. I wuz sweepin' out the car at Topeka in the yards when a bum come up with this talk: 'Say, dere, gimme dem sweepin's.'

"He shows a tin can an' says: 'Pal and me wants to have sum rice for our eabin.'"—Kansas City Journal.

Household Notes

TO TEST GOOD FLOUR.

Squeeze some of the flour in your hand; if good it will retain the shape given by pressure. Knead a little between your fingers; if it works soft and sticky it is poor. Throw a little against a dry perpendicular surface; if it falls like powder it is bad.—Boston Post.

AN IDEA IN FASTENINGS.

In buttoning little girls' dresses, sew the buttons on the wrong side of the upper piece, so as to button wrong side out. In this way the catching and breaking of the little one's hair is avoided and one cause of annoyance and ill-temper is removed.—Boston Post.

METHOD OF LETTING DOWN HEMS.

When hemming a child's dress, which is sure to shrink when washed, use No. 200 thread on bobbin and top of machine, and when washed, if too short, just cut 1 or 2 stitches and pull, and the thread breaks so easily it will not injure the best material.—Boston Post.

TO EXTRACT A SPLINTER.

"When a splinter has been driven deep into the hand," says the Woman's Home Companion, "it can be extracted without pain by steam. Nearly fill a wide mouthed bottle with hot water, place the injured part over the mouth of the bottle and press tightly. The suction will draw the flesh down, and in a minute or two the steam will extricate the splinter and the inflammation will disappear."

CARE OF SILK GLOVES.

To prevent the destruction of white and light colored silk gloves by washing, they should be hung with the tips up. To accomplish this, pin each finger to a cloth, then hang the cloth with the arms of the gloves down. This lets the water run into the portion of the gloves which received the least wear, dries the tips most quickly and prevents the destructive action of water on silk.—Boston Post.

USES FOR BORAX.

No one should be without borax in the home. For the hands and face use one teaspoonful to a basin of water. It is fine for cleaning teeth, and false teeth should be kept sweet and healthy by standing over night in a glass of water to which has been added a little borax. For the head one cannot find a better scalp cleanser. Use half a cupful for the bath. A teaspoonful to a pint of boiling starch adds to the gloss and lessens the sticking. For moths—before laying carpets sprinkle borax around the edges and crevices. To drive away vermin, water bugs, etc.—Sprinkle borax in all corners, cracks, and infested places. To preserve fish, flesh or fowl—sprinkle dry borax or use a solution of it.—Boston Post.

RECIPES.

Olive and Cheese Sandwiches.—Half-pound cheese, half-pint of stuffed olives, a pinch of salt and a pinch of cayenne pepper. Put cheese through grinder and cut olives fine with a silver knife. This is a tasty sandwich for a lunch.

Snow, Ice and Thaw Pudding.—One-half box of gelatine, one-half pint of boiling water poured over it; when cold add the whites of three eggs beaten stiff, two cups of sugar, juice of two lemons; beat the whole to a stiff froth; pour into moulds. Serve with a sft custard flavored with vanilla.

Judge Peter's Pudding.—Soak one-half box of gelatine in one-half pint cold water till the water is all absorbed, add one pint of boiling water, juice of one lemon, and one-half cup sugar; strain it through a cloth and pour over 2 oranges and 3 bananas sliced in a glass dish (2 or 3 figs cut in pieces and blanched almonds can be added. Put it on ice until it sets and serve with whipped cream.

Tarts.—One cup lard, 1 teaspoonful cream tartar; 1-2 teaspoonful soda, 1 teaspoonful sugar, 3 tablespoonfuls of water, white of 1 egg beaten to a froth, about 2 cups of flour; add more if necessary. Rub flour in lard, then mix all together.

Greenwich Ribbon Cake.—One cup sugar, 1-2 cup butter, 2 eggs, 1 cup milk, 2 cups flour, 1 teaspoonful cream of tartar, 1-2 teaspoonful soda. Take half and add 2 tablespoonfuls molasses, 1-2 teaspoonful cloves, 1 teaspoonful cinnamon, 1 tablespoonfull allspice, 1-2 cup chopped raisins. Bake dark part 20 minutes, put white part on top and bake 20 minutes.

Tapioca Cream.—Soak 2 tablespoons tapioca two hours, boil 1 quart of milk, add the tapioca, stir in yolks of 3 eggs well beaten, with 1-2 cup of sugar. Let it just boil, remove from fire, flavor with vanilla, then stir in the whites of the eggs beaten stiff, sweetened and flavored. If this is set on the ice to cool it will be found much nicer.

While taking up the floor of an empty house at Patrocinia, Brazil, a poor woman found imbedded in the earth beneath a diamond of the first water and perfect shape, weighing 220 karats. It is the second largest diamond ever found in South Ameri-

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BARKED LIKE A DOG.

Tyson Jones, an old-time Sinnemahoning bear hunter, had kept his eye on a swamp in the Bear Creek country ever since huckleberry time, writes the Norwich Hill (Pa.) correspondent of the New York Sun, for he had reason to believe that it was harboring three bears, and his mind was made up regarding what he would do to those bears when the open season for bears came along.

It came October 1, and these three must have forgotten that bears were then no longer under protection of the law, for they left many signs about the swamp that they were still there, notwithstanding the proximity of Tyson Jones and other bear hunters. So summoning four other hunters to join him Tyson Jones started out after the bears.

The swamp was dense with laurels. The hunters were posting themselves about so as to be sure of getting the bears when the latter were routed out, when Farmer George Jackson, who lives in the vicinity, appeared on the scene much excited.

"Three bears have just gone tramp-in' through my barnyard," he said to Tyson Jones. "Somebody had better come over and kill 'em."

Tyson Jones said that he guessed they would first get the three bears that were in the swamp and then they would attend to the business of Farmer Jones' three. But they didn't get the three bears that were in the swamp, because the three bears were no longer there.

Whether or not it had come suddenly to the bears what day it was does not appear, but at any rate it dawned on the hunters that the three had managed to get out of the swamp while it was being surrounded, and their trail was discovered leading in the direction of another laurel patch several miles distant. As a shot cut thither the bears had taken advantage of the route via Farmer Jackson's barnyard.

The hunters and Farmer Jackson followed the trail to the distant swamp and located the bears in it, but their two dogs refused to go in and rout the bears out. In this emergency Farmer Jackson said that while he wasn't any kind of a bear hunter he could bark like a dog first rate. Tyson Jones told him to go into the swamp then and bark like a dog.

He followed instructions so well that it was only a few minutes before the bears were heard thrashing through the laurels to make their way out. The three of them plunged into the open so close to Tyson Jones that he dropped one of them in its tracks and wounded another.

The wounded bear and its surviving companion dashed back into the swamp again. Farmer Jackson resumed his barking like a dog, and at once the laurels began to crash again in a line toward the open. The barking like a dog suddenly ceased, though, and in its place human yells rose from the swamp and from the line of thrashing laurels out tumbled Farmer Jackson shouting:

"The bears is after me! Kill 'em! Kill 'em!"

One bear certainly was after him, it evidently having discovered the fraud Farmer Jackson had played on them in barking like a dog, but the bear's head had no sooner come in sight through the laurels in the wake of Farmer Jackson than Tyson Jones sent a rifle bullet to meet it. The bear fell and another shot ended its career.

In the excitement of this stage of the hunt the bear Tyson Jones had wounded made its way out of the laurel patch on the opposite side. It was discovered by Frank Silsbie, one of the hunters, and he killed it.

STRUCK SENSELESS.

"When she hit him with the golf ball, did it knock him senseless?"

"I guess so. I understand they are soon to marry."—Town and Country.

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ADVERTISEMENTS.—20 cents per lines for three insertions, and 5 cents per line for each subsequent insertion. Other rates made known on application.

CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

Presbyterian—Spring Mills, morning; Centre Hall, afternoon.

Lutheran—Union, morning; Georges Valley, afternoon; Centre Hall, evening.

Reformed—Centre Hall, morning: Tusseyville, afternoon.

Methodist — Sprucetown, morning; Centre Hall, afternoon; Spring Mills, evening.

SCALDING TROUGH TO LET—The undersigned offers for rent an Excelsior Scalding Trough, at 50c per day. This is a modern contrivance. Fire is built under the trough, saving water and wood. Light to handle and can be set anywhere.

D. W. BRADFORD,
Centre Hall, Pa.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE—LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the estate of Michael J. Decker, late of Potter Township, deceased, having been duly granted to the undersigned they would respectfully request any persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

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POTATOES—

The undersigned offers for sale potatoes in large or small lots. S. W. SMITH, Centre Hall, Pa.

LARGE STOCK SALE—Owing to the destruction by fire of the barn and outbuildings on the Mary Potter farm, as well as all the hay, grain, implements, harness, etc., the undersigned, who are joint owners, will offer for sale

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1 P. M.,

on the Mary Potter farm, 1 1-4 miles east of Linden Hall, and 4 miles west of Centre Hall, on Brush Valley road:

NINE HEAD OF HORSES—5 work horses, all in good condition. One is a brood mare in foal. Two are four years old, well broken to harness. One is three yeers old, halter broke; will make a good general purpose horse. Sucking colt, bred from the mare mentioned above and sired by a Clydesdale. 12 MILCH COWS—Three of these are fresh; the remainder will be fresh between time of sale and spring. FOUR STEERS—Two of these steers are about two years old, and in good condition; two are yearlings. FULL BLOODED SHORTHORN BULL. 7 HEIFERS—Two are two years old; three are yearlings; two are six months old. 5 SHOATS. Also a sheet-iron scalding trough constructed so fire can be built underneath it.

Rare opportunity for bargains in horses, cattle and hogs.

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SALE REGISTER.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, one o'clock, one mile east Centre Hill, sale of personal property of Amelia Royer, dec'd, by John F. and Edie R. Royer, executors: Horse, 2 cows, heifer; range, cook stove, heater, ten-plate stove, beds, sewing machine and other household goods.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, Philip C. Frank, near Centre Hill: Farm stock and implements.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, nine o'clock, by Nicodemus Luse, on W. H. Meyer farm, one mile south east of Centre Hill: Seven horses, 40 head horn cattle, 32 sheep, 40 hogs; farm implements, all as good as new.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, near Penns Cave, by H. D. Rossman: Farm stock, implements and household goods.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 10 a. m., 2 1-2 miles east of Centre Hall, by G. F. Emerick: Full line farm implements, horses and live stock.

GRAIN MARKET.

Rye	70	Wheat	1 00
Barley	60	Oats	50
		Corn	60

PRODUCE AT STORES.

Lard	09	Butter	28
Potatoes	85	Eggs	30

Smullton

There were fifty-three porkers in this town, all having been killed except one. The average weight was about 260 pounds. J. S. Emerick takes the lead, two of his porkers having weighed 708 pounds.

Revival services in the M. E. church closed Tuesday evening of last week. One conversion was the success attained.

George Miller and wife, of Lock Haven, are spending some time here, being called this way on account of the illness of their daughter, Elsie, who is down with rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Spigelmyer, of Millheim, were guests at Robert Hackenberger's, one day last week. Mr. Spigelmyer is the up to date liveryman of his town.

C. H. Bierly has his saw mill, east of town, in operation part of the time. He is greatly hampered by lack of water to supply the boiler.

Mr. Monks, of the firm of the Lester Piano Company, Philadelphia, was a guest at the home of George H. Smull, where he placed one the company's pianola piano players, the selling price of which is $750. The Lester people have a reputation for the manufacture of the finest instruments, and to hear them is a treat. To the knowledge of the correspondent this is the first instrument of the kind in this valley.

A. E. Strayer and son are at present painting the interior of the Lutheran church, at Tylersville.

J. W. Brungart is improving his home considerably, adding greatly to its general appearance.

House rent next spring will be very scarce, caused by the sale of several properties to persons who will hereafter occupy them themselves.

The stream supplying water for this town and Rebersburg is lower than it ever was known to have been. Let us hope for copious showers before winter sets in.

There are no "ifs," "ands," nor "buts" about the ease and comfort of FITZEZY shoes. For ladies only, at Yeagers.

Four Horse Team Runs Off.

You would hardly think it, but good horseman as he is, Nicodemus Luse, of Centre Hill, permitted a four-horse team to run away from him the latter part of last week. He was returning home from Centre Hall station with a laddered wagon, and on reaching the brow of a hill he went to the rear of his wagon to draw the brake. When the team reached the flat, the wagon was unlocked, and Mr. Luse mounted the wagon at the rear. In walking forward over the boards forming the bottom of the side of the ladders, one of them gave away, the breaking causing a sharp report. This caused the horses to take fright, and they at once began running. The driver, in his effort to reach terra firma, became impaled on one of a number of pins on the ladder, and it was with difficulty that he managed to extricate himself, but finally succeeded. The horses were not moving slowly—too fast for Mr. Luse to reach the saddle horse although within two feet of the rein. Eight hundred or more dollars worth of horse flesh polled off, leaving the driver in the rear. A short distance farther on the wagon and a telephone pole met, causing the wagon to part with the tongue. The horses galloped on until they reached the Centre Hill corner, and on passing the Strohm farm, Mrs. William M. Sweeney captured the runaways. No damage was done the animals, and they were not at all excited. Mr. Luse was slightly injured, but his predicament for a time was very serious.

The Krape House Afire.

The residence of Al. P. Krape made a narrow escape from being burned Monday morning. Mrs. Krape was away on a visit, and his daughter, Miss Clara, is the night operator in the Centre Hall telephone exchange of the Bell system, leaving Mr. Krape and a little daughter aged about three years at the home. Monday morning Mr. Krape arose leaving the little girl in her crib, made the fire, and went to the stable to do the feeding. In the meantime the child awoke, climbed out of her crib, and in some manner threw clothing against a stove pipe passing through the room. The little one went down stairs, and to the house of a neighbor—Lyman L. Smith—and told them "their house was smoky." This led to investigating, and not too soon, for the interior of the room was badly damaged, as was also the furniture in other parts of the house. The floor about the stove pipe was burned away for several feet. It was a close call. Mr. Krape's home is one of the most substantial dwellings in town, and the loss, had it been burned, would have been quite heavy.

Transfer of Real Estate.

John D. Barker to Albert Urbern, Nov. 9, 1908, premises in Rush twp. $2025.

W. Fred Reynolds, et. ux., to S. H. Williams, Aug. 22, 1908, lot No. 29 in Reynolds Addition. $250.

Martha Stalker to John H. Miller, March 30, 1908, 133 1-4, 35p in Ferguson twp. $3800.

Geo. W. Zeigler, et. ux., to Martha C. Parker, Nov. 18, 1908, premises in Philipsburg. $1.

S. B. Parker, et. ux., to Geo. W. Zeigler, Nov. 18, 1908, premises in Philipsburg. $1.

T. W. Walker to Nathaniel Bowersox, Dec. 27, 1901, 4 acres, 94 perches in Miles twp. $504.

J. W. Harter, et ux., to Jacob Winkleblech, March 27, 1908, 25 acres in Miles twp. $125.

Keith's Theatre.

A leader at Keith's Theatre, Philadelphia, this week, is Eva Tanguay, who is there for her second and last week. Will M. Cressy and Blanche Dayne are appearing in Mr. Cressy's play, "Bill Biffin's Baby." Fiddler and Shelton give songs, mimicry and impersonations. The best terpsichorean act in vaudeville is that of the six American dancers. Jesse L. Lasky's presentation of the musical comedy "At the Country Club," is an especially attractive number. Green Brothers, burlesque jugglers, and McLain Sisters in songs and dances, are other interesting entertainers.

How to Save Money.

J. D. Murray, the popular druggist, is selling Dr. Howard's celebrated specific for the cure of dyspepsia and constipation. In addition to selling a fifty-cent bottle, containing a month's treatment of sixty doses, for 25 cents, he gives his personal guarantee with every bottle he sells to refund the money if it does not give satisfaction.

This unusual offer has brought hundreds of customers to his store in the last few weeks, yet out of the many bottles of Dr. Howard's specific he has sold, but one customer has asked to have the money returned. This was done without any questions, although he does not think the remedy could have been given a fair trial.

Doctor's bills can be saved by the use of Dr. Howard's specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia, and by taking advantage of this special half-price introductory offer, our readers can save half the regular price of the specific.

LOCALS.

The last November days were most beautiful.

The jurors drawn for December court are reprinted in this issue.

Remember the public sale on the Potter farm Saturday afternoon.

This much is certain. You'll never be sorry that you selected FITZEZY shoes. For ladies only, at Yeagers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Copenhaver, of Colyer, went to Altoona Saturday afternoon to spend a short time with Mr. Copenhaver's parents.

The Pennsylvania State Grange will convene in Altoona Tuesday, The session will be attended by a number of persons from this county.

The Lutheran church, at Tylerville, which is being remodeled, will be painted by A. E. Strayer, of Rebersburg. The carpenter work is being done by Smith and Bierly.

Word was received by letter from the warden of the Western Penitentiary, at Pittsburg, that Jacob From was in the Penitentiary Hospital, ill of typhoid fever, and that his condition was regarded serious.

Mrs. Clayton Getting, of Colyer Saturday returned from Mifflinburg where she was entertained by Mrs James B. Wagner, during the absence of Mr. Wagner, who was on a hunting expedition in the Brush Valley narrows.

By getting his hand mixed up with a hay baler, Paul, the little son of J H. Ross, of Linden Hall, had it badly crushed. The lad was playing about the machine, and in some manner got his hand fast in the chamber of the machine.

Montgomery & Company, the Bellefonte clothiers, come to you this week with their Christmas advertisment. Read it over. Remember Montgomery's clothing is of the highest grade, but the price is no higher than that asked for inferior and ill fitting suits.

Saturday afternoon Mrs. Reuben Colyer returned from Pittsburg where she was called on account of the illness of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ray Burnes. The lady is in a very serious condition due to pulmonary troubles. Mrs. Colyer brought home with her Mrs Burnes's daughter, aged about two years.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company has issued a bulletin stating that whiskey has been placed on the inflammable list, and in shipments of five gallons or more must bear the red label. That's about the same as giving it the Indian name of fire water, and the red label to correspond to the color of the habitual's nose.

A valuable horse belonging to George Gingerich was kicked on the inside of the hind knee four weeks ago, and later complications set in that will likely cost the animal's life. Mr. Gingerich and Dr. Riter have been giving the horse much attention but there is not much prospect of getting the animal on his pins again.

When you buy a National American Red Cross Christmas stamp you are paying no one a profit. The proceeds of all sales go to the treasury of the National Red Cross Society, and will be used in fighting the great white plague. These Red Cross stamps can be purchased at The Centre Reporter office, and no Christmas package or letter during the Christmas season will be complete unless it bears the Red Cross emblem. Aid the cause to the extent of a few pennies, at least.

Colyer.

With regret it is stated that Jacob J. Jordan, of this place, is among the sick.

Raymond Smith, who was injured while hauling cornfodder, is improving slowly.

Monday being the last day of the hunting season a number of hunters made another attempt to bag game of some description.

A. J. Weaver and daughter Willa, and Mr. and Mrs. Fye, spent Sunday with friends at Lemont.

William Strong has removed from his mountain home to Colyer, it requiring more than two days to transport the goods.

Asking a girl to accompany her home is not what it is cracked up to be judging from the lack of courage displayed by several Centre Hill lads. Pick up courage and come back a rain.

Harry Horner, of Coburn, is visiting his brothers, John and James, at this place.

While attempting to separate two vicious dogs that were scrapping, Samuel Slack was bitten in the hand.

Philip Bradford's daughters, from Lemont, are at present visiting their grandfather, John R. Lee, at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Farner and daughter, of Philadelphia, are at present visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Farner, at Colyer.

Mrs. Dr. Alexander, of Potters Mills, visited her sister, Mrs. D. G iss Wagner, near Tusseyville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Copenhaver and son Russel, visited the former's parents in Tyrone.

Sam, the expert mason, masoned until he lost his hammer, then he used the ax as a stone dressing implement. Any one needing a mason call on him by mail or 'phone.

Harris Township.

Mrs. Amanda Walker is visiting at Centre Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kline, of Centre Mills, visited at the home of William Myers over Sunday.

William Cramer, of near Rock View, spent Sunday in Boalsburg.

George Dale, of Dale Summit, was one of the guests at the L. Motbersbaugh home on Thanksgiving day.

Samuel Kaup and family, of Renovo; James Fry, of Clearfield, and Calvin Fisher, of Bellefonte, were visitors at the home of George Kaup.

Miss Annie Myers and her little nephew, John Andrew Myers, of Millheim, visited from Wednesday till Monday with friends at Oak Hall and Boalsburg.

Will Hoy and family, of State College, spent Sunday at the R. B. Harrison home.

Mrs. Katharine Sanders with her bright little daughter Elizabeth, of Centre Hall, enjoyed the Thanksgiving season with friends at State College, the Branch and Boalsburg.

A very interesting mission service was conducted by the ladies of the Lutheran Missionary Society on Sunday evening.

John Myers, of Millheim, spent Sunday and Monday with relatives at Oak Hall and Boalsburg.

Mrs. W. E. Gettig with her children, William and Katharine, of Altoona, spent a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meyer, who moved into their new home on Friday.

George E. Meyer, of the Mountain City, returned to his home Sunday, after spending two weeks with his parents.

Mrs. John Fortney and Mrs. Ira Rishel spent Sunday at the Messinger home, near Tusseyville. Mrs. Will Hess, of near Pittsburg, and Mrs. Alfred Osman, of Altoona, daughters of Mr. Messinger, are spending some time with him.

Will Hess and family, of Pittsburg, were visitors at the home of his sister, Mrs. Charles Segner.

Mrs. E. E. Brown returned on Friday from an extended visit among friends in Clearfield county.

Charles Fenstermacher, of Chicago, spent Thanksgiving at the home of Andrew Lytle, near State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fenstermacher were guests at the home of Mrs. Margaret Miller, on Sunday.

Adam Zeigler, of Linden Hall, spent Sunday in Boalsburg.

Miss Pearl Stover returned to Centre Hall last week after a stay of eight months at the home of Elmer Ishler.

S. E. Weber is attending the meetings of the Mason's Grand Lodge, at Philadelphia, this week.

W. B. Young departed on Monday for Potters Mills, where he has contracted for some work at plastering.

Mrs. Samuel McClintock, of Walnut Grove, spent Saturday in Boalsburg.

Mrs. F. W. Weber and son John assisted at the moving of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Ross.

Mrs. M. A. Woods gave a supper Saturday evening. The guests were: Mrs. Frank McFarlane, Mrs. W. A. Murray, Mrs. Alice Magoffin and Mrs. William Goheen.

Mrs. Frink, of Tyrone, and Mrs. J. F. Stover, of Bellefonte, were guests of their sister, Mrs. Lanra Bricker, over Thanksgiving.

Miss Rose Woods entertained some company at a card party on the evening of Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisher, of Danville, visited Mrs. Emma Fisher, over Thanksgiving.

Aaronsburg.

Perry Adams and family, of State College, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E G. Mingle over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. McClintic and Master John English, of Lock Haven, visited at the home of John H. Crouse over Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fehl, of Bellevue, Ohio, are guests of their son Edward Fehl at this writing.

Rev. and Mrs. Snyder, of Rebersburg, are assisting Rev. Garrett to conduct a revival sevice in the Evangelical church.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Brown, of Salona, visited the latter's father, James Weaver, for a few days.

The Reformed Sunday-school will render a Christmas service on Christmas eve.

Mrs Chestie Wert, of Rebersburg, spent a few days with her many friends in town, and was also at the home of her son, Luther Wert.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder, of Milton, are the welcome guests of Grandmother Bower.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Meyer and family, of Coburn, were guests at the home of Mrs. Meyer's father, George Weaver.

Rev. and Mrs. W. Donat had their babe baptized at the Salem Reformed church on Sunday afternoon. The rites were performed by Dr. D. M. Wolf.

The condition of Thomas Frank, who has been ailing for the past few months, is critical.

Dr. Laurie Dead.

Dr. William Laurie, for many years pastor of the Bellefonte Presbyterian church, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Samuel Eldredge, in Cape May, New Jersey, Tuesday.

Oak Hall.

Miss Gertrude Wieland spent her Thanksgiving vacation with her sister, Mrs. Mitchell Garbrick, at Clearfield, returning Monday morning.

Mrs. Krape departed for her home at Salona on Saturday, after a very pleasant visit with her daughter, Mrs. William Ferree.

Mr. and Mrs Philip Dale enjoyed a visit with friends in Johnstown and Altoona last week.

Miss Irene Segner, of Boalsburg, spent last week in Bellefonte, and on her return visited her sister, Mrs Zong.

W. H. Fry, of Pine Grove Mills, was in town Saturday.

Charles Corl, of Boalsburg, spent some time in town last week, sawing wood with his steam circular saw.

A little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Miller, of Altoona, last week. Mrs. Miller was formerly Miss Mary Dale, of Oak Hall.

Mrs. Luther Peters spent Thanksgiving with friends at Spring Mills.

Miss Ella Dale spent Saturday in Bellefonte.

Dr. Church, of Wilkes-Barre, was in town Sunday inspecting a herd of cattle purchased by James C. Gilliland.

Elmer Houtz, who was taken suddenly ill on Sunday, is much improved at this writing.

Monday morning Samuel Bible met with a painful accident, falling from the top to the bottom of the stairway. The result was a broken collar bone and numerous bruises.

Mrs. B. Frank Homan has been ill for several weeks.

Miss Mary Baker, of Lemont, was a caller in town last week.

Mrs. Henry Homan, of Centre Hall, recently visited friends in town.

Edward Sellers transacted business in Philadelphia last week.

Among recent improvements are a number of new roofs. The dwelling house owned by Ira Korman, the factory and the grain house all were recently covered with galvanized roofing.

Samuel Everhart, of the Branch, was in town Saturday and Monday.

The pupils of the Grammar school gave an entertainment Wednesday afternoon. A number of visitors were present.

Miss Bertha Meyer, of Linden Hall, was the guest of the Misses Zong on Wedneeday.

Miss Izora Rupp spent several days ast week at Sunny Hillside.

Spring Mills.

Benjamin Donachy, a student in the Williamsport Business College, is here on a visit to his mother and his grandparents, Mr and Mrs M. B. Herring.

Harry Allison, who has been employed at Marion Centre, Indiana county, is home on account of a sprained back.

Katie Limbert, of Madisonburg, visited Mrs. Rev. Caris over Sunday.

Lester Bowes and wife, of Howard; Miss McKibben, of Salona, and Miss Mabel Long, a student at the Lock Haven Normal, spent Thanksgiving with the family of C. P. Long. Mrs. Bowes will be better remembered as Miss Jo. Condo.

William Allison, a student at Penn'a State College, spent the Thanksgiving season at home.

Miss Mabel Allison visited friends in Mill Hall over Sunday.

Mrs. Gordon, of Mount Union, recently spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Horner.

Mrs. T. M. Gramley, who has not been well for the last few years, is taking treatment in the University Hospital, Philadelphia.

Mrs. H. S. Braucht, who was confined to her room for the past week, is again able to be up and about.

Last Monday night one of the citizens was favored with a visit by a member of the ghost clan. He says he was not scared at all, but he felt greatly relieved after the visitor departed.

Prof. S. W. Gramley and H. F. McManaway, both of Millheim, spent a few minutes in town Sunday. They were taking advantage of the fine weather and traveled on walker's back.

The Lutheran Sunday school voted to render a Christmas service on Christmas eve. The Reformed Sunday school will hold theirs the Sunday evening following Christmas.

There were no special services in this village on Thanksgiving day, but it is sincerely hoped that a thankful spirit prevailed, nevertheless. It seems as though the children are not supposed to be thankful because the school teachers "can't afford to lose the day." All honor to the one teacher who believes in observing holidays.

A few days ago, while Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Rossman were returning from a visit to Penn Hall, their horse became frightened at a passing bicycle and got unruly. As a result, Mrs. Rossman was thrown from the buggy and rendered unconscious, but sustained no serious injuries.

At present there are so many "dry wells" in this town that, in case of fire, some sections would be almost helpless. Shouldn't this be a strong argument in favor of a water company? There is excellent mountain water available and enough pressure to throw it over the entire town. Why not take the proverbial "stitch in time?"

THE SANCY DIAMOND

Legend of Louis de Berquem and the Celebrated Gem.

A NIGHT LAMP FOR A KING.

Checkered Career of the Brilliant Stone After the Death of Charles the Timid. Some Facts About the Invention of Diamond Cutting.

Louis de Berquem, says tradition, was a poor jeweler's workman, but he fell in love with the daughter of a wealthy jeweler. This avaricious father would not give his daughter in marriage to any man not possessed of gold. Louis, having neither "expectations" from relatives nor favor at court, sought to make his fortune. He had often heard the father of his beloved remark that the man who discovered a method of cutting diamonds would become very wealthy, for up to that time they knew nothing more than to scrape off the gravel, and the diamond was left in its native state. Neiher lime, fire nor the mill could affect the diamond.

After many investigations and deep thought Louis bethought himself that iron is fashioned with steel, which is only hardened iron, and it occurred to him that perhaps the diamond would yield to the diamond. He made an experiment, which was at once crowned with success.

A few days later he presented himself before the rich jeweler with two diamonds cut into facets. He obtained the hand he sought and amassed a great fortune by his secret, which he divulged only after he had become wealthy.

King Charles the Timid was the principal customer of Louis de Berquem. The fastidious enemy of Louis XI. then possessed a large diamond, since become celebrated, accounted among the finest of precious stones. But this diamond was ill shapen, and the fires which it held burned in vain.

Louis de Berquem cut and polished this stone, and nothing could equal the joy of Charles the Timid when the jeweler brought him the great diamond, so glittering with light that it lit up the darkness, and this to such an extent that the prince said, "It will serve me as a night lamp." Berquem received 3,000 ducats for his work.

As for the diamond, this is the one which was found in January, 1477, on the body of Charles the Timid after the battle of Nancy. A soldier picked it up, sold it for one gold piece to a priest, who in turn sold it for three pieces of gold to a merchant, who took it to the Duke of Florence.

From the hands of this prince it passed into the possession of the king of Portugal. He sold it for 70,000 francs to one of the companions of Henri III., Nicholas de Harlay, baron of Sancy. Since this time the first large diamond to be cut is known as "the Sancy."

This legend leads to other considerations of the cutting of diamonds ascribed to Louis de Berquem at Brussels in 1465.

Hardly any one will assert boldly that no diamonds were cut before that date, but it is reasonable to suppose that Louis de Berquem regulated cutting by arranging the facets.

Long before the birth of Louis de Berquem cutting was known in India. Even in Europe we find among the treasures of the churches thick diamonds cut into table and culet, the upper sides beaten into sections. In 1360, according to the inventory of the jewels of Louis, duke of Anjou, is found an entire series of cut diamonds. There is mention of a flat diamond with six sides, of a heart shaped diamond, of a diamond with eight sides, of a lozenge shaped diamond, of a diamond pointed on four sides and of a reliquary in which was set a diamond cut in the shape of a shield.

History informs us that 150 years before the first work of Louis de Berquem there were at Paris, at the corner of the Corroyerie, several diamond cutters.

The Duke of Burgundy, after a fastidious repast given at the Louvre to the king and the French court in 1403, offered to his noble guests eleven diamonds estimated to be worth 780 pieces of gold, the money of the period.

It is hardly possible to suppose that these were uncut diamonds; all of which goes to prove, notwithstanding some opinions, that Louis de Berquem did not invent the process of diamond cutting.

It is no less interesting to follow the fortunes of the Sancy a little further. It remained in the Sancy family some time, and Henri III. took it from them. It was destined to serve as a pledge for the raising of a body of Swiss soldiers, but the servant intrusted with bringing this diamond to the king was attacked, put to death, and the diamond was thought to be lost. Finally it was discovered that the servant had been assassinated in the forest of Dole and through the care of the priest had been buried in the village cemetery. Then the Baron de Sancy resolved that the diamond must not be lost. In fact, they found it in the stomach of the hapless, faithful servant, who swallowed it at the moment that he fell. According to the inventory of 1791 the Sancy weighed 83¾ carats.

It disappeared in 1792 to reappear in Russia. Its value is estimated at a million francs. Before the revolution it was among the French crown jewels.—New York World.

Silence is sometimes the severest criticism.—Baxter.

DEATHS.

MRS. HIRAM LEE.

Mrs. Hiram Lee died at her home at Chester Springs, Chester county, Wednesday of last week. The body was shipped to Penns Cave station Friday afternoon, and from there was taken to the home of Frank W. Decker, a brother, from which place the funeral was conducted Saturday morning. Interment was made in the Sprucetown cemetery, Rev. J. Max Lantz pastor of the Methodist church, officiating.

Mrs. Lee had been in delicate health for some time, but had been confined to bed only about two weeks, when she yielded to the white plague.

The deceased, nee May A. Decker, was a daughter of Michael J. Decker, whose death occurred on the twenty eighth ult. Besides the husband, a native of this valley, a daughter, Grace, aged about twelve years, survives, as do also the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Jacob Bible, of Phoenixville; Mrs. W. O. Rearick, of Milroy; Frank W. and James L., of Centre Hall, and Maurice, of Philadelphia. The funeral services were attended by all the members of the Decker family.

The age of the deceased was thirty-seven years, six months and sixteen days.

MRS. EMANUEL WHITE.

After an illness of three years due to rheumatism and dropsy, Mrs. Emanuel White died at her home near Penn Cave, early Tuesday morning. Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the house; interment in the cemetery at the Union. The officiating minister will be Rev. B. F. Bieber, pastor of the deceased assisted by Rev. D. Gress.

The deceased, whose maiden name was Alice Ream, daughter of John B. Ream, of Farmers Mills, is survived by a husband and three children, namely, John B., of Penns Cave; Ellsworth, of Ax Mann, and Wallace, at home.

The following sisters also survive: Mary, wife of Josiah C. Rossman Caroline, wife of Samuel Frederick, of Spring Mills; Lena, wife of Israel Spayd, of Madisonburg; Mrs. Rosetta Luse, Penns Cave.

GEN. D. K. HECKMAN.

General D. K. Heckman, the best known citizen of Sugar Valley, died Monday at his home just one mile west of Loganton. He was born in Sugar Valley, September 12, 1823.

In 1849, in Gregg township, this county, General Heckman was married to Miss Elizabeth Kline, a native of that township, and a daughter of Daniel Kline. She died in 1870 leaving a family of four children. In 1874, in Buffalo Valley, Union county Mr. Heckman married Miss Hannah Slear, who survives him, as do also one son, J. Kline Heckman, of Loganton; and two daughters, Mrs. W. H Smith, at home; Mrs. R. W. A. Jamison, of Lock Haven.

COL. JAMES POTTER COBURN.

Colonel James Potter Coburn, born at Aaronsburg about eighty years ago, died at his home in Bellefonte Tuesday evening. He is survived by a widow, nee Jennie Huston.

Col. Coburn lived at Aaronsburg up to a short time ago. At the time of his death he was president of the First National bank, in Bellefonte, and was also interested in other business ventures.

J. Carl Reeder, a son of Mrs. Emma Reeder, of Philipsburg, died at his home in Jersey City, N. J., after a brief illness from consumption. He was twenty-nine years old and was born in Philipsburg. He was married last February, his wife surviving him.

The Reporter's Register.

Mrs. John D. Moore, Centre Hall
Elsie B. Moore, Centre Hall
Mrs. S. E. Weber, New York City
Bess Weber, Lewisburg
Leroy Stiffler, Lewisburg
Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Shaull, Parke
Grace L. Shaull, Parke
Mrs. J. S. Sechrist, Centre Hall
Clayton Homan, Centre Hall
Irene L. Ross, Linden Hall
Ruth Thomas, Centre Hall
Mary Dinges, Centre Hall
Earl Ross, Clyde Shutt, Bruce Stump, Linden Hall
Claudia Snyder, Keller Snyder, Centre Hall
W. J. Auman, Coburn
Rankin Weaver, Coburn
Hazel Ripka, Centre Hall
Laura Slegal, Spring Mills
Ethel Sechrist, Pearl Runkle, Centre Hall
Howard Frazier, Floyd Palmer, Linden Hall
S. D. Gettig, Bellefonte
Jacob Wagner, Floyd Snyder, Bruce Crotzer, Samuel W. Burris, Mrs. Joe Lutz, Centre Hall
Clarence Musser, Spring Mills
W. C. Farner, Colyer
Daniel Ripka, Spring Mills
Mrs. M. Raudenbush, Pleasant Gap
Mr and Mrs J. E Rishel Centre Hall
W. E. Reitz, Sunbury
F. S. Ruch, New York

Judge Taft, the president-elect, refused wine at a political dinner given at Hot Springs, Virginia, Saturday The possibility is that Mrs. Taft, as mistress of the White House, will emulate her husband and dispense with wine at all official and social functions.

FITZEZY shoes are the best kind of insurance against troublesome feet. For ladies only, at Yeagers.

At any rate the black sheep lives longer than the fatted calf.

Disease Checked in Clinton County.

All indications point to the fact that the out-break of aphthous fever among the cattle and hogs of Clinton county has been checked No new cases have been discovered by the half dozen state and federal experts within the past three days, although they have visited many sections of the county. Up to the present time sixty-three head of cattle and 172 swine of all sizes have been killed and buried. Several places are still quarantined for observation.

Officers Installed.

Sister Past Grand Anna Puff installed the following officers of the Lady of the Valley Rebekah Lodge, No. 263: Noble Grand, Mrs. Alice Nearhood; Vice Grand, Miss Carrie Frazier; Secretary, Miss Elsie Moore; Treasurer, Mrs. Minnie Burris; Warden, Mrs. Susan Lutz; Conductor, Miss Bertha McCormick; Right and Left Supporters, Mrs. Lucy Henney; Outside Guard, Mrs. Agnes Tate; Inside Guard, Mrs. Maggie Shutt; Noble Grand appointments, Mr. John Puff, Mrs. Anna Puff; Vice Grand appointments, Mrs. Alda Bloom, Miss Katie Zeigler.

Marriage Licenses

James A. McCafferty, Bellefonte
Mary E. Jackson, Troy, N. Y.
Clayton Kuhn, Blanchard
Helen Bitner, Beech Creek
Welvie R Snavely, Lock Haven
Almeda T. Lutz, Lock Haven
George E. Moore, State College
Anna Eliza Bower, Howard
James F. Swabb, Tusseyville
Carrie P. Fryer, Coburn
James H Strunk, Howard
Alice R. Fowler, Blanchard
Elmer D. Foust, Spring Mills
Jennie S. Barger, Spring Mills

Mrs. Crawford at Jefferson Hospital.

Mrs. Frank M. Crawford, of Bellefonte, formerly of Centre Hall, underwent an operation at Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, Saturday noon the operating surgeon being Dr. Montgomery. Her condition Tuesday was very satisfactory. Mr. Crawford is in Philadelphia, and will remain for a short time.

Williamsport Commercial College.

Business, Shorthand and Preparatory school. Positions for graduates. Winter term begins January 5th. Catalogue and trial lessons in book keeping and shorthand free. Seventy-five lessons in writing by mail for $2.50. F. F. HEALEY, Proprietor.

Unclaimed Letters.

The following letters remain unclaimed in the Centre Hall postoffice, December 1, 1908: Miss Edna M. Ishler, Mr. J. Geissinger. When called for please say advertised.

G. M. BOAL, Postmaster.

Lady Broke Leg.

Miss Sadie McKinney, who makes her home with her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) George Lee, in Centre Hall, had the misfortune to fall while in the back yard and broke one of her lower limbs.

Red Cross Stamps for Sale.

Red Cross Christmas Stamps are on sale at this office. All for charity.

LOCALS

Tuesday night and Wednesday it snowed, but just a little.

Progress Grange will hold its regular meeting Saturday afternoon.

There is no counterfeit in the comfort FITZEZY shoes will afford. It's genuine. For ladies only, at Yeagers.

Mission band of the United Evangelical church will give an entertainment Saturday evening, 12th inst. Everybody invited.

By the first of the year Ammon Burkholder expects to enter a railroad office at Philipsburg, with a view of learning railroading in its various branches.

Daniel Ripka, of Spring Mills, who was kept housed up for some time on account of a soreness of his eyes, was in town Wednesday, and was very much pleased at being able to be out again.

Wednesday evening of last week the C. E. society connected with the Reformed church in Centre Hall, held a social to which all the members of the church and their families were invited. Refreshments were served, and the evening was spent in a most delightful way.

Samuel Harter, one of the well known residents of Georges Valley in a note to the Reporter says: "It is seldom that I go away from home on account of my hearing being so bad, but I am always glad to receive the Reporter which brings the news to me. I regret that the Democratic party was beaten, but I hope the eyes of some of the Democrats will be opened before the next election. I hope the Republicans will do better than some of them in office have been doing during the past few years.

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Lots of energy is wasted in making fools of ourselves.

OLD TIME FORCEPS.

When the Thing Was Turned Something Had to Give Way.

And speaking of teeth reminds me that the country doctor had to draw them when they ached. The dentist's artistry had not attained the elevated plane it occupies today, when everybody's mouth shines like the inside of a communion cup. I honestly believe the modern dentist has more different kinds of tools than even a sanitary plumber, and that's a whole lot when you come to count them up. The modern dentist hates the worst way to draw a tooth. Nevertheless if the modern dentist must draw the tooth he has a particular forceps for a particular tooth, and a cruel hearted and cold looking thing it is so. It puts you so in mind of a successful financier. When you brace yourself in the iron chair and take a tight grip on the arms of it and make up your mind you'll try to stand it and he gets that forceps well under the gum and—wait a minute; I feel so kind o' faint! Laws! Why didn't I mind my mother when she told me not to crack hickory nuts with my teeth? Well, anyway, you know he'll get the tooth out without doing more than take the whole top of your head off, and that only in a figurative sense.

Uncle Doc had one implement that did for every tooth, big and little, front and back. It wasn't a forceps; it was a turnkey. The real old folks know what that is and will say so with the cold chills running over them. But you've never seen one, and many a man that you would call old has never seen one. It's something like a canthook. The loosely riveted piece that curves slips over the tooth and catches on the inside; the solid cam bears on the outside gum; the operator turns the handle. Let's not talk about it. Something has got to give. Maybe the tooth will come out; maybe it will break off; maybe the jaw will fracture. All those are details. The main point is that if the operator twists the handle something has got to give, and that's all there is about it.—Eugene Wood in Success Magazine.

A GENTLE REPROACH.

Telling Retort of the Lamblike, Violet Eyed Beauty.

There is a certain young woman who is beautiful, with that childish, wistful, innocent looking, violet eyed beauty which reduces one-half the feminine world to tears, the other half to utterly helpless rage. We all know the type, but it is seldom given us to see it in such perfection. We usually associate it with a lamblike, appealing mentality that permits itself to be ridden upon—as soon expect a wood violet to turn and rend you.

A short time ago she was asked to a woman's luncheon and got herself up for the occasion in a way that made the result of her efforts a thing not easily forgotten. She arrived looking so lovely that there was little said among the guests for a few moments after her entry into the room. Perhaps she felt the silence. At all events, she turned to the woman standing nearest her and said in a childish voice, with ever such a little lisp and pretty southern accent:

"How well yo' are lookin' today!"

It was a well meant civility from a young woman to an older one, who seemingly was unable to accept it as such and put up her lorgnette, sweeping the speaker from top to toe. What she saw was enough to disconcert a younger and prettier woman than herself, but even so one finds it difficult to justify her next move.

"Wish I could say the same for you," she returned, closing her lorgnette with a snap.

One or two of the guests were friends of the pretty woman and almost stopped breathing in order not to miss what they felt sure would come—and it came. The pretty one raised her eyebrows slightly, then said, with an air of gentle reproach:

"Why don't yo' lie like a lady, like I do?"—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

What He Needed.

A sovereign would tempt many men, and when Plimkins, making a few purchases at the stores, saw one lying on the floor just by the counter he quivered with excitement.

Glancing around to reassure himself that none was looking, he quite accidentally dropped one of his kid gloves neatly on the coin and then dived. He got the glove all right, but still the sovereign remained.

A shopwalker approached him.

"Good morning, sir," said the man, rubbing his hands together in the approved style, "and may I show you a bottle of our celebrated liquid glue, which sticks"—

—London Mail.

"The Gingerbread Man."

Nixon & Zimmerman's gorgeous production of the musical fantasy, "The Gingerbread Man" will be presented by an excellent company at the Bellefonte Opera House, Tuesday December 8th. "The Gingerbread Man" is just as popular today as in the days of our childhood. The characters of "The Gingerbread Man" are all old friends. Little Jack Horner, Simple Simon, Margery Daw, Taffy, the Dragon, Sallie Lunn, Fudge and a whole company of merry, little people that every one in the world has known since childhood. This company, last week, played in the Gurrick Theatre, Philadelphia.

Just a little rain Monday night.

To have his memory kept green a man must be true blue.

Ladies' rolled soled rubbers, 48c at Yeagers.

LOCALS

This is December 3, and this is the last month in 1908.

Mrs. F. E. Wieland, of Linden Hall, this week visited her father, John H. Miller, at Rock Springs.

Miss Potter and Mr. Earhart will make sale of their farm stock Saturday afternoon. See adv. elsewhere.

Waukezy Rubber Heels add the finishing touch to the comfort of FITZEZY shoes. For ladies only, at Yeagers.

Court will convene Monday of next week. There is little of interest to this portion of the county that will transpire during the sessions.

The members of the Lutheran Sunday School, at Centre Hall, had a rally day last Sunday. The greater part of the program was devoted to Luther, the founder of the church. The collection was for Home Missions, and was largely in excess of expectations.

The Aaronsburg correspondent writes the Reporter thus: Mr. and Mrs. James Wert, of Tusseyville, spent a few days with the former's brother, Luther Wert, and while here he bought the Israel Weaver home for $460, and expects to occupy the same in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Rearick, of Milroy, and Joseph Gilliland, of New Bloomfield, attended the funeral of Mrs. Hiram Lee. Mr. Gilliland's daughters were guests of the Rearick family, and while Messrs. Gilliland and Rearick were in the Seven Mountains hunting, the young ladies visited the camp, accompanied by others from Milroy.

From the kitchen doors of more than a dozen homes in Centre Hall the aroma of a stew or roast of wild game—bear and venison—has been escaping during the past week. The Bradford party brought their deer to Centre Hall, and the Hecla hunters a portion of their deer and a bear, enough to fill the air with a scent calculated to make the less successful hunters turn hither and thither to avoid becoming envious.

Irvin V. Musser, of Beaver, had a serious mishap. The wagon he was driving was struck by a trolley car, and Mr. Musser was seriously injured He was confined to bed for several weeks, and at present is unable to dress himself or help himself at the table. His many friends will regret to hear of his predicament. Mr. Musser was the former partner of Merchant W. H. Meyer, in Centre Hall, and is his son-in-law.

Georges Valley.

Last Saturday the hunting sports came home tired and hungry, and some of the clubs without venison. It isn't well to take dear into the mountains if you expect to bring deer out—the first will frighten the latter clear out of sight.

Communion services at Locust Grove on Tuesday evening, conducted by Presiding Elder J. C. Reeser.

There is too much loafing around the church during services. God's house should be more highly respected by boys and others.

H. A. Haugh is reported ill from rheumatism. Hope he will soon recover.

A bit of news from the Decker hunting party. They were located in the Seven Mountains east of Pat Garrity's, known as Greens valley narrows. First day of the season the drivers chased up four does which could have been killed but for the law. One hunter, who had hunted for eleven years, for the first time saw a deer running wild. Visits were paid the camp by Abe Allison, John Wagner, Wm. Martz, Clem Wilson, Harry Stover and Prof. Weaver, of Mifflin county; Joe Parker and son and Pat Garrity, of near Potters Mills. One of our hunters, Paul Cressman, of Lewistown, in search of the camp got lost in the mountains, and night found him at the home of Jonas Lingle, eight miles off the track. He remained there all night and got to camp the next morning.

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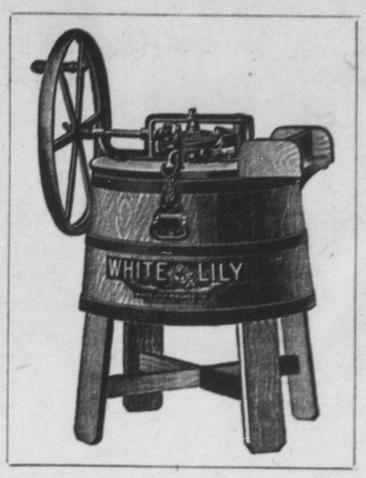

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Linden Hall.

From last week.

William Markle went to Osceola Mills on Friday and brought home with him three shetland ponies belonging to T. C. Heims. Mr. Markle intends to take care of the animals through the winter.

While station agent Lee was at Williamsport last week, George Meyer came up from Milton to take charge of the railroad office.

Miss Maude Miller, of the Glades, is spending this week with relatives in this place.

Mrs. A. S. Fleck and children are visiting her former home here.

Mrs. William Tate returned home on Tuesday from a week's visit among relatives and friends at Spruce Creek.

J. M. Wieland and wife spent Saturday with friends here.

The stork visited the Charles Hartsock home last week and left a little son.

The Rock Hill school gave a Thanksgiving entertainment Wednesday afternoon.

Harry Miller has taken William Harter's place in the mill but will not move to the mill house until spring.

Woodward.

A revival is in progress in the Evangelical Association church.

Miss Marie Snyder spent the Sabbath with her parents.

Dr. George Ard, accompanied by Miss Helen Dreese, of Lemont, spent a few days at the home of the doctor's parents. Monday Morning Dr. Ard again returned to Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerstetter, of Laurelton, visited the latters sister, Mrs. John Sheesly, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Condo, of Illinois, are visiting Mrs. Condo's father, S. M. Motz.

Mrs. Clayton Sheesly is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Long, in Millheim.

Having spent the deer season in the mountains, Messrs. Herman Mitchell, Thomas Wierick, of Liverpool, and John Kepner, of Tamaqua, returned to their home Tuesday morning.

Last week Charles Musser shot a six-pronged buck weighing 185 pounds.

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Rebersburg.

Orvis Walker and wife, of Pittsburg, spent several days this week with friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Beulah Sweet and baby, of Williamsport, are spending several days at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Wetzel.

Lloyd Walker and family are visiting among relatives in town and vicinity.

Harry Haines left on Monday for Pittsburg where he expects to spend a few weeks.

Edwin Brungart, wife and daughter Sara, of Selinsgrove, spent a few days with relatives in town.

Roland Royer and wife, of Altoona, visited his aged mother, Mrs. Polly Royer.

Noah Brungart is the proudest man in town since the arrival of a baby girl at their house.

Miss Celia Brungart, a student at the Lock Haven Normal school, spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brungart.

Cephas Royer moved to Nittany Valley last week.

Floyd Gramley visited his parents a few days last week.

Calvin Zeigler, the Spring Mills organ dealer, sold a beautiful organ to Adam Wolf, in South Rebersburg.

Charles Mallory spent last Sunday in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller are visiting relatives in Rebersburg.

NEWS OF PENNSYLVANIA

TWO GIRLS IN A SUICIDE PACT

Disappointed in Love and Drink Laudanum.

Philadelphia (Special). — Following out a compact into which they had entered, two comely young girls —Mary Moran, of 1443 Clymer Street, and Ruth Brindley, of 1516 South Twenty-sixth Street, attempted suicide by drinking laudanum. They are both dying in the Polyclynic Hospital. The mystery of the attempt is so great that nothing of a satisfactory nature can be learned by the police of the agreement into which the girls are said to have entered, or the reason for the compact. Unrequited love is given as the reason.

The attempt to end their lives was made by the girls in the branch establishment of the Southwark Mills Company, at Twenty-first Street and Washington Avenue. They are both employed at this place and are close friends. A state of melancholia has been noted in both for some time and among their mill girl companions the jesting remark has frequently been made that "Mary and Ruth were in love."

They were found unconscious in a dressing room of the mill. The discovery was made by a companion, who summoned help. The police removed the pair to the hospital.

The police, after investigating the circumstances, learned that both girls, within the past two weeks, had run away from their homes because their parents objected to their receiving the attentions of young men. When the latter learned they had been forbidden to visit the girls bitter quarrels ensued.

CATTLE DISEASE.

Inspectors Hear Of Many New Cases.

Danville (Special).—Fresh outbreaks of the foot and mouth disease in Clinton and Dauphin Counties were reported at headquarters here. The disease was discovered in the slaughter house of F. L. Hinner, at Lock Haven, where eighty hogs are affected, and the experts believe they have traced all the infection in Clinton County to this place.

The farms of H. G. Marr, of Clintondale, and Knecht Brothers, at Parvin, Clinton County, with sixty-five hogs and eleven cattle, have also become infected. The farm of Hays Dorry, Island Post Office, has been placed under quarantine.

At Elizabeth, Dauphin County, eighteen cattle on the farm of George E. Erdman were reported as being infected. The farms of Jacob Lesner, C. E. Shaffer and E. Boyer, Elizabethville, with a total of 136 cattle, are under quarantine, their cattle having been exposed to the disease.

RUMOR OF DEAL.

Butler Hears That Steel Trust May Buy Local Plants.

Butler (Special).—A well defined rumor is afloat here that the United States Steel Coroporation is negotiating for the purchase of the local plant of the Standard Steel Car Company and the subsidiary concerns, the Butler Wheel Works, the forged Steel Wheel Works and the Butler Bolt and Rivet Works located here.

Representatives of the corporation were in Butler and inspected the plants. In connection with the report it is said the $5,000,000 car wheel plant, projected by the corporation to manufacture wheels by a new process, will be established with the forged steel plant already here if the deal goes through.

TAFT'S MAJORITY 296,994.

Official Returns Given Out By State Department.

Harrisburg (Special).—William H. Taft had a majority of 296,994 over William J. Bryan, or just 4,006 short of 300,000, according to the official count of the votes which took place at the State Department.

The statements show the following:

Taft (Republican) 745,779; Bryan (Democrat), 448,785; Chafin (Prohibition), 36,694; Debs (Socialist), 33,913; Hisgen (Independent), 1,057; Socialist Labor, 1,222.

Taft's plurality over Bryan is 296,994; majority over all, 224,108.

The vote in Philadelphia County was as follows: Republican, 185,263; Democratic, 75,317; Prohibition, 1,926; Socialistic, 5,192; Independence, 234; Socialist Labor, 216.

Trips On Stairs Over Cat.

Darby (Special).—Dr. William P. Painter, one of the directors of the Darby National Bank, is confined to his bed by injuries. Dr. Painter was hurrying downstairs in the dark when he stepped on the family cat. The cat squirmed from under his feet, causing the doctor to fall headlong down the stairs.

Victims Saw No Fun.

Chester (Special).—Charged with holding up John Delaney, Paul Crowther and Willard Delaney at point of a revolver and rifling their clothes of money and penknives, Frank Bowman, white, and Clarence Cottman, colored, were each held under $100 bail to keep the peace by Magistrate Elliott. The accused lads declared that they were only playing wild West in fun, but the youthful victims said it was no fun for them.

TYPHOID EPIDEMIC MENACES READING

Nearly 150 Persons Contract Fever Within the Week.

Reading (Special).—That those sections of the city supplied with water from the Maidencreek stream are on the threshold of a serious epidemic of typhiod fever was made apparent by the report of communicable diseases maintained by the Board of Health for the past week.

Since November 16, and just ending, there have been reported the alarming number of 146 cases of the disease and physicians state that there are indications that this number will be equalled, if not surpassed, by the end of this week.

The snow fall of November 14 is declared to be the direct cause of the trouble. This was the only precipitation of any consequence for some time. When the snow melted, the water resulting stirred up the very dregs in the creeks, and this, those who claim to know say, is what the people are drinking in the Maidencreek supply which is not filtered.

In the wards north of Penn Square there are over 100 cases.

HIS FIANCEE ENDS LIFE.

Young Chester Girl Commits Suicide On Eve Of Wedding.

Chester (Special).—Mary C. Pugh, a pretty 17-year-old girl, committed suicide at the home of William Bayard, Jr., 19 West Fourth Street, where she was found lying upon the floor in convulsions. The girl, who lived on West Front Street, went to a local drug store and bought five cents' worth of strychnine, saying that she wanted the poison to kill a dog.

The girl was to have been married on December 19 to Charles Vail, a young employee of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Co., and arrangements for the wedding had been made. Vail said he could not account for the girl's actions. When he left her at night she was laughing and joking, and there did not seem to be anything troubling her. She bid him good-by and did not intimate in any way that she intended to end her life.

STATE CAPITAL NOTES.

The Auditor General's department is taking steps to secure payment of delinquent taxes.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Shaffer, in remarking upon county institutes he has attended lately, says that the attendance is larger than usual.

The State Water Supply Commission has sent engineers to Lebanon to study water conditions. Applications have been made for a number of charters for water companies and protests have been made.

Chief Rockey, of the State Bureau of Industrial Statistics, says that he expects a bill to establish a labor bureau to be presented this winter.

The State Department of Agriculture is paying off owners of cattle killed by State live stock agents as rapidly as the bills come in. Secretary Critchfield says that he will see to it personally that they are paid so as to cause as little loss to cattle owners as possible.

Clay Kemble's Home Sold.

Norristown (Special).—"Sunset," the residence of Clay Kemble, on Church Road, at the top of Edge Hill Range, Cheltenham, was sold by Sheriff Buckley here. The purchaser was a Mr. Chase, of Philadelphia. The property is said to have cost $75,000, and the sale followed an attachment issued at the instance of the H. F. Michell Company, of Philadelphia.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

The Carlisle Chain Works were damaged by fire originating in a furnace to the extent of about three thousand dollars.

Six-year-old Gertrude Clarey, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clarey, of Phoenixville, died as the result of burns received on Monday, when she and a little playmate overturned a lighted lamp.

The eleventh annual reunion of the One Hundred and Fifty-first Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers' Association, was held at the Schuylkill Valley House, at Leesport.

The 205 women and 600 men, at the Asylum of the Chronic Insane, at South Mountain, enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast. Their bill-of-fare consisted of 1,200 pounds of roast chicken, eight bushels of sweet potatoes, 3,000 stalks of celery, 150 quarts of cranberries, 40 gallons of cold slaw, 40 gallons of gravy, 250 pounds of filling and 300 pumpkin pies.

The Board of Health of Upper Darby Township reorganized with the following officers: President, Dr. Leedom Broadbent; secretary, William Pendleburg; treasurer, J. Milton Lutz; solicitor, W. Cloud Alexander; health officer, Harold G. Vernon.

The handsome new three-story brick home of Shamokin Aerie No. 534, Fraternal Order of Eagles, was dedicated with imposing public ceremonies.

After an illness of eleven days with typhoid fever, James R. Frank, lieutenant of police for the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company, died at his home in Media.

J. H. Lehman, a cattle dealer, of Lancaster County, convicted in Chambersburg, September, of securing stocks on worthless checks, was sentenced to four months in jail and a $100 fine.

SIGN OF RETURNING CONFIDENCE

—Season's cleverest cartoon by Davenport, in the New York Mail.

PROSPERITY WAVE FELT IN COUNTRY'S INDUSTRIES.

Railroads Plan Gigantic Improvements Costing Millions of Dollars---National Prosperity Association, Having No More Work to Do, Disbands.

The certain return of prosperity is eloquently indicated in items in the news of the past week.

From all over the country have come reports of the reopening of factories after ten months of cessation. Whirring machinery tells of the employment of thousands of men and women who have had nothing to do.

While only a short while ago mills were running on half time, to-day they are rushed with work and are giving employment to all who apply.

Railroads are feeling the Aladdin-like touch of prosperity and are planning to expend millions of dollars upon improvements. There has been a loosening up of the money market so that funds to carry on the gigantic projects contemplated are to be had readily.

Correspondents send in glowing reports of conditions in all the manufacturing centres. In the Northwest, the South, the East—everywhere there are signs of better times.

One positive evidence of the improvement in conditions is given in the disbandment of the National Prosperity Association, of St. Louis. Its chairman, E. C. Simmons, explained that now that prosperity is swiftly returning, there is no more work for the organization to do.

News of a Week That Shows Evidence of Better Times

Washington, D. C. — Reports received by the International Brotherhood of Operative Potters during the week indicated a general opening up of work everywhere in that industry. The force at the Riverside Pottery at Wheeling, W. Va., has been greatly increased, and the firm is getting orders in a steady stream.

The Dresden Pottery is working at full force. The Klondike Pottery will have no slack time this winter, its employes having all they can do. The Sebring Pottery, at Searing, O., has had the busiest November it has known in years. It is expected that the American China Company, of Toronto, will operate steadily to the year's end.

The Union Buffalo Cotton Mills, of Union, S. C., which is said to operate more looms than any other textile corporation in the South, received such a rush of orders that it will be obliged to run all of its three immense plants to their fullest capacity. This sets going 17,000 spindles and 800 looms, which were idle during the summer. The mills employ 2000 men and women.

The Fales & Jenks Machine Company, of Pawtucket, R. I., employing 400 hands, began working on a fifty-five-hour-a-week schedule. The factory had been running on half time.

The Easton & Burnham Machine Company, of Pawtucket, R. I., started its factory on full time, after running on short time during the summer. It employs 100 men.

Lumbermen of Tifton, Ga., report that all the mills are booked with enough orders to keep them going full tilt for three months. Some are declining orders until March 1.

The American Tobacco Company agreed to take seventy-five per cent. of the 60,000,000 pounds of tobacco of the Burley Leaf Tobacco Society. The deal involves $10,000,000.

After a shut-down of six months, the Illinois Steel Company reopened four of its plants at South Chicago, 700 men being put to work. Several additional furnaces, requiring 500 men, will be blown at once.

Prominent railroad men, including Donald G. Reid, of the Rock Island, and E. C. Converse, of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, and the United States Steel Corporation started the organization of a $2,000,000 corporation to manufacture steel. Most of the bonds have been subscribed. The works will be located near Gary, Ind.

Contracts were awarded by the Crescent Steel and Wire Company to construct a new plant at New Cornerstown, Ohio.

The United States Steel Corporation decided to erect a $3,000,000 plant at Monessen, Pa., in the Monongahela Valley.

The Schoen Steel Company, of Pittsburg, announced that it would take on 300 more men and spend $1,500,000 in improvements.

The National Tube Works, of McKeesport, Pa., placed its plant on full time.

The Westinghouse Electric Company put all its departments on full time.

The Republic Iron and Steel Company, of Pittsburg, ordered every one of its furnaces run to full capacity.

Every spindle in the cotton mills of Midham and New London counties, Conn., has been started up, and the mills are rushed with orders.

The American Woolen Company's mills at Moosup, Conn., are preparing to run full time, after a bad period in which less than half time was worked.

The Michigan Lake Superior Power Company, of Chicago, which suspended because of the financial conditions, started to reorganize, and it is expected to resume within a few weeks.

Mills of the International Paper Company, at Berlin, N. H., idle for three months, reopened with a reduced force.

J. D. Farrell, of Seattle, Wash., representative of E. H. Harriman, in the Pacific Northwest, has been called to New York. Financiers and contractors say that railroad construction work on a scale heretofore unknown is about to be inaugurated in the Pacific Northwest. The North Coast, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and Harriman system are the three factors in the spending of millions for a dominant position in Puget Sound and Northwest Coast.

Officials of the Lackawanna Railroad announced that improvements costing $25,000,000 will be begun soon. Plans have been drawn for the extension of the road to Chicago. The electrification of the suburban lines is contemplated.

Generally, the shipment of currency, gold and silver to financial institutions in rural districts begins to decline in November, in accord with the slackening of trade and the receipt of money from abroad on grain and cotton exportations. But confidential reports of the St. Louis reserve agents show that the shipments to all centres in the South and West are almost as large as last month. To the growing trade and invigorating industry is attributed the activity.

Conditions in the whole South show remarkable improvement.

Invention of Great Importance to Ironclads Exhibited in Germany.

Charlottenburg, Germany.—At a meeting of the League of German Naval Architects, Dr. Anschuetz-kaempfe, of Kiel, exhibited a compass without a magnetic needle, which has just been invented. It is in the form of a gyroscope, which, when suspended in a certain way, always adjusts itself parallel to the earth's axis.

The invention is regarded as of great importance to ironclads, where the compass needle is frequently deflected by the adjacent metal.

Dancing Masters Solve Problem of Clingsome Drapery.

Paris.—Women are now wearing skirts so tight that old-fashioned dances are impossible, and it became imperative to devise means to meet the crisis. If the present styles resulted in stopping dancing they would deprive the dancing masters of a livelihood.

They met, resolved and forthwith decreed that waltzes, polkas and all other dances be danced with shorter steps until fashion gives women freer use of their lower limbs.

RURAL TOPICS

CRIMSON CLOVER.

During the past few years I have had brought to my notice several examples of the wonderful renovating power and the feeding value of the crimson clover. In some sections of the country the plant does not succeed, because of the extreme cold. This variety of clover is more apt to winter-kill than the common red clover, but it is well worth the trial, where there is a possibility of its thriving. In this locality (Northern Ohio) I have seen some very fine fields of this plant and have been much interested in the results of feeding it to stock, as well as noting the great beneficial effect upon poor, wornout soils.

The seed of the crimson clover is larger than the red clover and is oval in shape. New seed has a high polish and is of a bright, reddish yellow color; as it becomes older it changes to a reddish brown, then loses its polish and becomes a dull, dark brown. Let such seed alone.

The crimson clover should be seeded at the rate of 12 to 15 lbs. per acre, either broadcast or with the drill. We usually broadcast ours in the potato or corn after the last cultivation and do not cover. If it is to occupy the ground alone, slightly harrow or roll it in. We sow the seed between July 15th and September 15th, but in the South it should not be sown before August 15th. It will then mature the following spring from three to four weeks before the red clovers. As soon as it comes into full bloom it should be cut, if wanted for hay, as the matured blooms are injurious to stock. Crimson clover thrives in a lighter, sandier soil than any other clover and it requires but little humus, and comparatively little moisture. It is of great value as a green manure upon poor soils and a rank growth quite insures a satisfactory succeeding crop. If the soil is not already fertile, it will pay well to apply 600 pounds per acre of mineral fertilizers containing 9 per cent actual potash and 8 per cent available phosphoric acid, and on very poor soils the addition of one or two per cent nitrgen will make the catch more certain. The fertilizer can easily be broadcasted by lowering the hand through the growing crops, if it is desired to grow the clover there.

The amount of fertilizer may seem excessive, but not when we recollect that not all of the material possesses fertilizing value. All clover soils must contain a considerable amount of potash, as well as phosphoric acid and lime. If the soil is made rich so that the clover roots are able to penetrate to a good depth before freezing weather, we are pretty sure of a good crop the following spring and do not look for winter-killing. Stock for fattening and milch cows make great returns when fed crimson clover hay.—E. A. Season in the Indiana Farmer.

FARM NOTES.

Manuring is the life of farming. Every rod of land should raise something useful.

Good crops and increased fertility means success.

Why pay taxes on five times as much land as you can properly work?

The capability of land is almost unlimited.

It is the rich, well cultivated spots that are winning.

There is no reasonable objection to specialties where favorable peculiarities fit them for the most profitable production.

Farmers must move with the age, keep up with other professions, not years behind.

The world has never yet had enough good butter, prime mutton and strictly fresh eggs. There is always a market for choice products.

Salt and charcoal be kept on hand and given to the cows occasionally. They will help keep them in good appetite and health.

The calf cannot thrive when infested with lice. Wash him with strong soapsuds with which a little kerosene has been thoroughly mixed by shaking in a pail.

Sometimes streaky butter is caused by course salt. It is a good plan to sift the salt in evenly and thoroughly worked into butter.

When scalding poultry for market it is best to dry-pick the legs, so that they will not necessarily be placed in the water and change color. Neither the head nor the feet should touch the water. The water should be as near the boiling point as possible, without boiling.

DAIRY HERDS.

The tendency toward building up the dairy business, like that of every other business, is toward the best possible conditions for the most profit. Every one recognizes the fact that high grade conditions in any business only approximates the best and most profitable. The highest and most profitable dairy herd is that of pure bred cows as well as sires, and to this end here in the central States as in the more eastern, every year more pure bred herds are taking the place of high grades. The tendency in this is like that in every other industry, to get to the top in a profitable dairy herd, and the road to this has been, as in every other business, by steps at a time, from good to better. The grade herds which were here and there first established are slowly giving way to pure bred cows. With the pure breds of noted milk and butter strains the grade herds are being superceded all over the country. Wherever established they are proving more profitable than grade herds for the reason that, as a rule by a marked per cent. over grades they prove better. Any one with a grade dairy herd can gradually build up a pure bred are by commencing with a few cows and a good sire at the head. The surplus of such herds, both male and heifers can be sold at better prices than grades, and so both in butter and surplus animals such herds are proving more profitable.—Indiana Farmer.

THE MAINTENANCE OF SOIL FERTILITY.

There has just been published the summary of a paper by Prof. W. H. Jordan, director of the Geneva (N. Y.) station, giving his views with reference to methods of soil management necessary to maintain fertility as follows:

Thorough tillage, with efficient machinery, to be given if possible when the moisture conditions of the soil admit of satisfactory pulverization.

Frequent surface tillage at times of scanty rainfall, in order to conserve the supply of soil moisture.

A sufficiently rapid rotation of crops to insure good soil texture, to allow the necessary frequency of applying fertilizing material, and as a main result to secure a paying stand of crops.

The introduction into the soil, at frequent intervals, of an amount of organic matter necessary to proper soil texture and water-holding power, either by application of farm manure, by plowing under soiling crops, or by the rotting of the turf.

The scrupulous saving of all the excrement of farm animals, both solid and liquid.

The purchase of plant food with due reference to the needs of the farm management prevailing.

The maintenance in the soil of those conditions of drainage and aeration which promote the growth of desirable soil organisms, and the introduction into the soil, when necessary, of such organisms as are essential to the growth of particular plants

CORN AND MEAT MAKING.

It won't be long till we have before us object lessons like the following:

1. Beef cattle of 1,400 pounds weight at 2 years old, grown and fattened on 25 per cent. less corn, with alfalfa as a chief ration, costing much less to make it than now.

2. Hogs weighing 200 pounds at 8 months old made on alfalfa and 32 per cent. less corn than is now used to make them.

3. Alfalfa meal for sheep in winter feeding and half the grain now used, with more wool and mutton and healthier sheep. Good alfalfa hay cut up, mixed with a little corn meal and moistened, will do about the same in sheep feeding.

The point in these object lessons, which are common facts where alfalfa in plenty is grown, is that such feeding is going to save nearly half the high priced corn, and enable farmers to grow more cattle, sheep and hogs and to return more fertility to the farm.

Any good corn and clover land properly prepared will grow alfalfa, and when these things are understood more alfalfa will be grown for feeding, so as to reduce the cost of making meat and wool.—Indiana Farmer.

CLEAN UP OFTEN.

Numberless cases of unthrifty and unprofitable or even diseased flocks are caused by the chickens roosting over their own excrement. A good many people think that cleaning out the droppings once a month is strict poultry cleanliness, but this is so only when compared with that cleanliness which demands a clean up once or twice a year. It is hard to clean up a poultry house too often; remember that.

For instance, just imagine yourself in old Biddy's place and do a little tall thinking. In her wild state she would roost in a tree sufficiently high that the fumes arising from her excrement would not reach her at all; and it stands to reason that if she is forced to sleep just a short distance above the gathered filth of many nights, as she so frequently is, her breathing apparatus is going to get out of order and her constitution is bound to be undermined and her vitality sapped. This makes her susceptible to croup, cholera and other more or less serious diseases, and often is the direct cause of her death a little later on.—Epitomist.

Berlin has opened a rink for ice skating all the year round. This makes the fourth permanent ice rink in Europe, others being operated in London, Paris and Munich.

Out of every 100 recruits in Bosnia, sixty-two have flattened skulls, the outcome, apparently, of the very tight dressing of the baby's head in its first months of life.

MISS. SOPHIA KITTLESEN.

HEALTH VERY POOR--- RESTORED BY PE-RU-NA.

Catarrh Twenty-five Years--- Had a Bad Cough

Miss Sophia Kittlesen, Evanston, Ill., writes:

"I have been troubled with catarrh for nearly twenty-five years and have tried many cures for it, but obtained very little help.

"Then my brother advised me to try Peruna, and I did.

"My health was very poor at the time I began taking Peruna. My throat was very sore and I had a bad cough.

"Peruna has cured me. The chronic catarrh is gone and my health is very much improved.

"I recommend Peruna to all my friends who are troubled as I was."

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Belief And Blisters.

It is not generally known that thought may produce a blister on the hand or an ulcer on the foot, as well as many other actual physical changes in one's organism which are little short of miraculous. I have no doubt that St. Francis of Assisi received the stigmata of the crucifixion on his hands and feet, as historically described. I have no doubt, because its possibility has been put to the proof within the past few years, and by a friend of mine whom I will name. Prof. Krafft-Ebing, of Vienna, told a young woman he would place a small fly-plaster upon her which would produce a blister in a few hours. He actually only put a postage stamp upon the skin, without her knowledge, and covered it over so securely with bandages that she could not interfere with it. The blister appeared as suggested.—Dr. Frederick Peterson, in Collier's.

Disappointed.

At a small dinner of a legal association held in Washington not long ago one of he speakers told of a farmer's son in Illinois who conceived a desire to shine as a legal light. Accordingly he went up to Springfield, where he accepted employment at a small sum from a fairly well-known attorney.

At the end of three days' study he returned to the farm.

"Well, Bill, how'd ye like the law?" asked his father.

"It ain't what it's cracked up to be," responded Billy gloomily. "I'm sorry I learned it."

LIVING ADVERTISEMENT.

Glow of Health Speaks For Postum.

It requires no scientific training to discover whether coffee disagrees or not.

Simply stop it for a time and use Postum in place of it, then note the beneficial effects. The truth will appear.

"Six years ago I was in a very bad condition," writes a Tenn. lady, "I suffered from indigestion, nervousness and insomnia.

"I was then an inveterate coffee drinker, but it was long before I could be persuaded that it was coffee that hurt me. Finally I decided to leave it off a few days and find out the truth.

"The first morning I left off coffee I had a raging headache, so I decided I must have something to take the place of coffee." (The headache was caused by the reaction of the coffee drug—caffeine).

"Having heard of Postum through a friend who used it, I bought a package and tried it. I did not like it at first, but after I learned how to make it right, according to directions on pkg., I would not change back to coffee for anything.

"When I began to use Postum I weighed only 117 lbs. Now I weigh 170, and as I have not taken any tonic in that time I can only attribute my recovery of good health to the use of Postum in place of coffee.

"My husband says I am a living advertisement for Postum. I am glad to be the means of inducing my many friends to use Postum, too."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true and full of human interest.

COMMERCIAL COLUMN.

Weekly Review of Trade and Latest Market Reports.

Bradstreet's says:

Enlargement and expansion are still the dominating influences in trade and industry, and the volume of sales and of orders booked by wholesalers and manufacturers continues to show gains, particularly in the commercial and manufacturing centers. Still, certain evidences of irregularity are found in the reports that mild weather is restricting sales of winter goods at retail in the above sections, and Southern advices are that improvement in that section is rather slower than expected, and that low cotton prices and holding of that product by producers are checking trade and collections. Idle cars are reported growing fewer in number rapidly. Heavier buying of pig iron is reported at the East and Lake markets are more active, but Pittsburg reports transactions smaller. Prices are higher.

The beginning of the tariff hearings at Washington brings to the attention of the business community the fact that revision of some kind is promised and that Congress, early in 1909, will have this matter in digest.

Wholesale Markets.

New York.—Wheat—Receipts, 88,700 bush. Spot barely steady; No. 2 red, 1.11½@1.12 elevator; No. 2 red, 1.12¾, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 1.15⅝, f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, 1.14⅛, f. o. b. afloat.

Corn—Receipts, 35,475 bush. Spot steady; No. 2 new, 72½ elevator and 76 for old; No. 2 new, 71½ to arrive, and December, and 73 f. o. b. afloat spot.

Oats—Receipts, 31,500 bush. Spot quiet; mixed, 26 to 32 lbs., 53½@54; natural white, 26 to 32 lbs., 53½@56; clipped white, 34 to 42 lbs., 55½@56.

Poultry—Alive, spring chickens, 12½; fowls, 11½; turkeys, 10@15; dressed steady; Western spring chickens, 14@20; fowls, 11¼@14; spring turkeys, 14@18.

Butter—Firm; receipts, 3,875; creamery specials, 31@31½; held, common to special, 20@29.

Philadelphia.—Wheat — Quiet but steady; contract grade, November, 1.04½@1.05c.

Corn—Steady; moderate demand; November, 68½@69c.

Oats—Firm; fair demand; No. 2 white, natural, 55@55½c.

Butter—Firm; good demand; extra Western creamery, 32c.; do., nearby prints, 34.

Eggs—Firm; good demand; Pennsylvania and other nearby firsts, free cases, 35c. at mark; do., current receipts, in returnable cases, 34, at mark; Western firsts, free cases, 35, at mark; do., current receipts, free cases, 33@34, at mark.

Cheese—Firm; New York full creams, choice, 13¾@14c.; do., fair to good, 13@13½.

Poultry—Alive, quiet but steady; fowls, 10@11½c.; old roosters, 8; spring chickens, 10@11; ducks, 11@12.

Baltimore. — Flour — Firm, unchanged; receipts, 13,747 bbls.

Wheat — Quiet; spot, contract, 1.05⅛@1.05¼; No. 2 red Western, 1.07⅛@1.07¼; November, 1.05⅛@1.05¼; December, 1.05⅝@1.05⅞; steamer No. 2 red, 1.02⅛@1.02¼; receipts, 15,924 bush.; Southern on grade, 1.01¼@1.04¼.

Corn—Firm; new, spot, mixed, 71@71¼; new, November, 70@70¼; year, 68⅛@68¼; January, 67⅛@67¼; February, 67¼; steamer mixed, 68@68¼; receipts, 34,597 bush.; new Southern white corn, 66@71; new Southern yellow corn, 66@71.

Oats—Firm; No. 2 white, 54@55; No. 3 white, 53½@54½; No. 2 mixed, 53.

Rye—Firm; No. 2 Western export, 82½@83.

Butter—Firm, unchanged; fancy imitation, 24@25; fancy creamery, 31@32; fancy ladle, 20@21; store packed, 18@19.

Eggs—Firm, unchanged; 32@33.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged; new large, 14½; flats, 14½; small, 14¾.

Live Stock.

New York—Beeves—Receipts, 2,254. No trading; feeling steady.

Calves—Receipts, 668. Market dull and unchanged. Veals, 5.00@8.75; a few at 9.00; fed calves, 3.50; good to prime Western calves, 4.50@5.50.

Sheep and Lambs — Receipts, 9,067. Sheep slow, but steady. Lambs dull and weak, to 25c. lower; sheep, 2.50@4.00; culls, 1.50@2.00; lambs, 4.00@6.00; culls 3.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,809. No sales; feeling steady.

Chicago.—Cattle — Receipts, estimated about 8,000; market steady to strong. Steers, 4.60@7.75; cows, 3.00@5.25; heifers, 2.50@4.60; bulls, 2.75@4.50; calves, 3.00@7.50; stockers and feeders, 2.50@4.85.

Hogs—Receipts, estimated about 30,000; market strong. Choice heavy shipping, 5.90@6.05; butchers, 5.85@6.00; light mixed, 5.40@5.55; packing, 5.60@5.95; pigs, 4.25@5.35; bulk of sales, 5.65@5.85.

Sheep—Receipts, estimated about 20,000; market weak to 25c. lower. Sheep, 4.00@5.00; lambs, 4.75@5.90; yearlings, 4.00@5.25.

ODDS AND ENDS.

In 1905 the sum of $27,608,000 was expended by employers in Germany for the direct aid of their employes. More than two-thirds of this was given as voluntary contributions by private firms and individuals.

Out of 42 existing blast furnaces in Belgium only 31 are at present in operation, as compared with 36 at this time a year ago. The output of pig iron for 24 hours comprises: Four furnaces, 390 tons of forge pig; three, 200 tons of foundry pig, and 24, 2,858 tons of Bessemer and basic pig.

SEEMED WORSE EVERY DAY.

A Dangerous Case of Kidney Trouble and How It Was Checked.

Mrs. Lucy Quebeck, Mechanic St., Hope Valley, R. I., says: "Eight years ago I contracted severe kidney trouble and my back began to ache continually. Every day it seemed worse. The least pressure on my back tortured me, and I could not stoop without a bad twinge. The kidney secretions passed irregularly with pain, and I bloated badly. My head swam and spots flitted before my eyes. One doctor said I was incurable. However, I found prompt relief when I started using Doan's Kidney Pills, and the troubles I have related gradually disappeared."

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When The Weather Was Cold.

An American and a Scotchman were discussing the cold experienced in winter in the north of Scotland.

"Why, it's nothing at all compared to the cold weather we have in the States," said the American. "I can recollect one winter when a sheep, jumping from a hillock into a field, became suddenly frozen on the way and stuck in the air like a mass of ice."

"But, man," exclaimed the Scotsman, "the law of gravity wouldn't allow that."

"I know that," replied the tale-pitcher. "But the law of gravity was frozen, too!"

Seedless Apple Discovered.

A seedless apple tree, bearing a sweet apple that looks something like the sheep-nose, has been found on the farm of C. E. Bell, at Eskridge.

Samples of the apple were received by the State Horticultural Society, and next spring an effort is to be made to propagate them by grafting the buds from this tree, the same as grafting is done in other trees.

It is believed a variety of seedless apples will be developed. The tree on Mr. Bell's farm has been bearing three years. There is no sign of a seed, but there is a small core, which apple men think can be entirely removed by careful propagation.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Yale Sport.

Arthur, 6-year-old son of Professor Hadley, was recently discovered sailing boats in the bathtub. Removed by force, he left the house and, meeting a lady acquaintance said:

"The president of Yale College won't take his bath this morning."

"Why not?" asked the amused lady.

"Because," answered Arthur, "I've got the plug to the bathtub in my pocket."—Success Magazine.

$100 Reward, $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

He Realized The Situation.

"Miranda, I want to ask you to marry me and tell me—"

"Oh, George, this is so sudden!"

"To tell me what date you and your mother have decided on for our wedding."—Exchange.

HAD BAD ITCHING HUMOR.

Limbs Below the Knees Were Raw—Feet Swollen—Sleep Broken—Cured in 2 Days by Cuticura.

"Some two months ago I had a humor break out on my limbs below my knees. They came to look like raw beefsteak, all red, and no one knows how they itched and burned. They were so swollen that I could not get my shoes on for a week or more. I used five or six different remedies and got no help, only when applying them the burning was worse and the itching less. For two or three weeks the suffering was intense and during that time I did not sleep an hour at a time. Then one morning I tried a bit of Cuticura. From the moment it touched me the itching was gone and I have not felt a bit of it since. The swelling went down and in two days I had my shoes on and was about as usual. George B. Farley, 50 South State St., Concord, N. H., May 14, 1907."

Every time a woman gets a new gown she goes around with a chip on her shoulder.

Hicks' Capudine Cures Headache, Whether from Cold, Heat, Stomach, or Mental Strain. No Acetanilid or dangerous drugs. It's Liquid. Effects immediately. 10c., 25c., and 50c., at drug stores.

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Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing it is simply Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form, and the most effectual form. For grown people and children, 50c.

We might enjoy work more if we didn't have to do it.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle.

It takes a sharp man to carve out a big fortune.

Itch cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. Never fails. At druggists.

It is a long honeymoon that doesn't get eclipsed. B. N. U. 49.

An Advertisement?

Parker M. White, the humorous advertisement writer, was talking in Pittsburg about the universality of advertising.

"Doctors, lawyers, clergymen," he said, "claim not to advertise, but, somehow or other, we see their advertisements occasionally. Am I not right?

"The millionaire proprietor of a patent tonic called on a well-known doctor one day.

"'Look here,' he said, 'you are the Dr. Leroy Fisher who is attending Senator Stoxton, are you not?'

"'I am, sir,' the physician answered.

"'Well,' said the tonic man, 'what'll you take to put on the daily bulletins that you give out about the Senator this sentence—"Use Blood Bitters. They Ward Off Disease?'"

"'Why man,' said the famous doctor, indignantly, 'I wouldn't do that for anything. Those bulletins are not advertisements.'

"The other chuckled harshly.

"'Ain't they?' he said. 'Then take your own name off 'em.'"

Lord Roberts On "Perfect Liberty."

"Every man ought to be trained so that he can defend his home in time of need," said Lord Roberts, at the Mansion House, when city scooolboys were presented with the trophies, medals, and prizes won at Bisley and elsewhere during the year.

"That," he added, "is what I call perfect liberty. It is a puzzle to me why this country does not take up the question of training seriously. We have compulsory education, and after that a boy is cast adrift; but that is just the time when he wants looking after. If we want to get men who will be a credit to the country, we must look after them while they are boys.

"I consider that every single boy in the country ought to be taught a certain amount of drill and rifle shooting, and then, when he became a man, he would at once fall in with any law that might be passed for universal training in this country."—London Express.

Chicago The Insanitary.

In a lecture before the Chicago Medical Society, Health Commissioner Evans declared Chicago the most insanitary city in the country.

"Tuberculosis, bronchitis, and kindred ailments are ravaging the city," he said. "People are housed better in Joliet prison or any other prison than in Chicago. Overcrowding of flats without proper ventilation is spreading disease broadcast. The dirt, smoke, and soot in the air help it along. Every person's lungs here has a fine coating of coal dust, and it is only the strong who can withstand it for years. A Chicagoan can be identified in any part of the world by his lung tissue alone.

"Laws against smoke should be enforced and the people civilized up to sleeping in rooms without heat, with windows open. Conditions among the wealthy are vile in this respect."—New York World.

This woman says that sick women should not fail to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as she did.

Mrs. A. Gregory, of 2355 Lawrence St., Denver, Col., writes to Mrs. Pinkham:

"I was practically an invalid for six years, on account of female troubles. I underwent an operation by the doctor's advice, but in a few months I was worse than before. A friend advised Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it restored me to perfect health, such as I have not enjoyed in many years. Any woman suffering as I did with backache, bearing-down pains, and periodic pains, should not fail to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

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For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills, and has positively cured thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion, dizziness or nervous prostration. Why don't you try it?

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"I enjoyed the wedding immensely."

"You don't say! Didn't the bride appear at her best?"

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Love.

Howard—And how did the plain widow Perkins capture the fastidious Mawker?

Coward—Oh, took him out in her car and showed him a few hundred of her building lots.

Howard—Ah, I see—a case of love at first site.—Harper's Weekly.

Hicks' Capudine Cures Women's Monthly Pains, Backache, Nervousness, and Headache. It's Liquid. Effects immediately. Prescribed by physicians with best results. 10c., 25c., and 50c., at drug stores.

Even marrying money is a failure when you don't get it.

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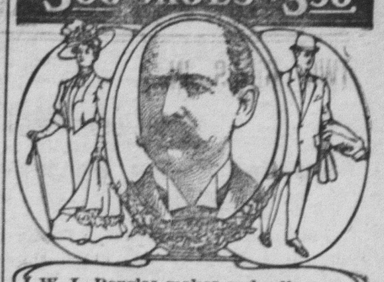

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The Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing it is simply Quinine and Iron in a tasteless, and the most effectual form. For adults and children. 50c.

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THE CENTRE REPORTER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1908.

DECEMBER COURT

Opens First Monday in December and Continues for two Weeks.

The jurymen drawn for December court, opening the first Monday in December and continuing for two weeks, are appended:

GRAND JURORS.

Frank Bowersox, Ferguson
Isaac Bowers, Philipsburg
Charles Batchlor, South Philipsburg
James Dunlap, Rush
James Eckenroth, Spring
Matthew Goheen, Harris
John Gunsallus, Snow Shoe
Samuel Garner, State College
George Haagen, Howard twp.
William T. Hall, Milesburg
Shuman Holter, Howard boro.
Sereneas Harry, Miles
W. B Haines, Miles
P. A. Hoover, Taylor
Peter Ishler, Harris
John Meese, Bellefonte
John T. McCormick, State College
Walter O'Bryan, Ferguson
Edward Sharrer, Taylor
Alfred Thompson, Snow Shoe
Daniel B Weaver, Miles
C. E. Wetzel. Spring
Potter Walker, Snow Shoe

TRAVERSE JURORS—FIRST WEEK.

H. L. Barger, Snow Shoe
Isaac Beck, Half Moon
P. L. Beezer, Bellefonte
R. B. Bartges, Gregg
Samuel Charles, Boggs
David Chambers, Snow Shoe
Robert Cooper, Snow Shoe
John A. Confer, Snow Shoe
Milo Campbell, Ferguson
William Crissman, Snow Shoe
Harry Crain, Philipsburg
Harry Callahan, Rush
Samuel Decker, Bellefonte
F. D. Fye, State College
George Frankenberger, Penn
J. W. Fry, Ferguson
George W. Gingerich, Potter
T. M. Gramley. Gregg
G. Ed. Haupt, Bellefonte
Joseph Heberling, Ferguson
James Haines, Curtin
H. H. Hewett, Philipsburg
Charles Johnston, Liberty
G. H. Knisely, Bellefonte
William Kreamer, Bellefonte
John Kennedy, Rush
Harvey Lutz, Walker
W. J. Mauck, Walker
Daniel Moore, Rush
H. D. Meek, State College
L. T. Munson, Bellefonte
George R. Meek, Bellefonte
William J. Musser, Bellefonte
S. S. Miles, Worth
W. D. O'Brian, Snow Shoe
W. C. Patterson, State College
W. W. Rupert, Walker
Peter Robb, Jr., Curtin
Lewis Russ, Philipsburg
Sol Schmidt, Philips
William Stiver, Potter
J. B. Shope, Snow Shoe
Samuel Sheffer, Bellefonte
W. E. Smull, Miles
William Summers, Unionville
W. G. Talhelm, Huston
H. B. Waite, Half Moon
D. L. Welsh, Howard boro.

TRAYERSE JURORS—SECOND WEEK.

Jerome Auman, Potter
J. T. Aikens, Boggs
James Black, Philipsburg
Herman Bowes, Liberty
Samuel Budinger, Snow Shoe
John Bergin, Rush
W. J. Burns, Rush
Elmer Bryan, Boggs
L. C. Bullock, Jr., Milesburg
G. W. Bushman, Centre Hall
Robert Bennison, Marion
W. M. Biddle, Philipsburg
Jonathan Condo, Marion
Harry Cole, Philipsburg
Edward Crawford, Centre Hall
T. F. Corl, Ferguson
F. W. Corman, Walker
G. Frank Dunkle, Philipsburg
Clayton Etters, College
Newton Garver, Potter
J. A. Hudson, Philipsburg
George R. Hughes, Spring
Michael F. Hasel, Benner
George Hastings, Benner
Charles Keichline, Bellefonte
E. K. Keller, Spring
H. A. Leitzell, Philipsburg
Marcus Miner, Howard boro.
John T. Merryman, Taylor
Edward Marshall, Benner
William Orr, Marion
J. T. Runkle, Potter
Herman Robb, Bellefonte
Harry Resides, State College
C. M. Sellers, Patton
W. H. Steffen, Haines
Frank E. Vonada, Marion
W. H. Witmer, College
H. C. Woodring, Worth
A. M. Watson, Snow Shoe

Spring Mills

S. L. Condo, C. J. Finkle and E. H. Shook last week had Bell telephones installed.

C. E Zeigler made a business trip to Lock Haven last week.

The Penn Hall hunting party returned last Wednesday with two fine bucks, the one having six prongs. The Georges Valley party returned on Saturday without anything to their credit.

The Lutheran Sunday school will render a Christmas service on Christmas eve. Every effort will be put forth to make this a brilliant entertainment.

James McCool and wife, of Rebersburg, were Spring Mills visitors on Sunday.

C. A. Garrison, representative of the Lester Piano Co., of Philadelphia, was the guest of C. E Zeigler Thursday.

Wheat is worth a dollar and pork is six cents. This is a good comparison.

Miss Annie Royer, teacher of the primary school spent Sunday at Rebersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ream and their son George and wife, of Sunbury, were Spring Mills visitors last week. While here the gentlemen spent some time hunting small game.

Alfalfa for Sale.

Alfalfa, put up in regular hay bales weighing from seventy-five to one hundred pounds, f. o. b. Centre Hall, at the rate of one cent per pound.

RELIGIOUS ACROBATS.

Dangerous Aerial Slide Annually Performed in India.

India offers many curious things in the way of religion, and the strangest of them all is the aerial slide, which is performed annually at Kulu, in the Himalayas. At a point where there is a cliff overhanging a precipitous gorge several hundred feet in width and a hundred feet in depth a rope is made fast to the rock. The other end of this is carried across the gorge and there secured to a stake. The total length of the rope between the two points is when drawn taut 2,500 feet, and the end attached to the cliff is several hundred feet higher than that fastened on the opposite side of the ravine. Thus a slide is contrived, and it is a dangerous one to all appearance.

It is down this incline that the performer has his path. For the lofty journey a sort of saddle is provided made of wood, with holes in it, through which the rope passes. But before a start is made the whole length of the rope is wet to prevent the saddle from catching fire from the friction. The performer sits astride this seat, and to his legs are fastened bags of sand, which serve two purposes—they enable him to maintain an upright position during his lightning-like descent, and they increase the momentum. The lower end of the rope is carefully wound with bits of carpet to check the speed before the stake is reached. Without this precaution the performer would be dashed to pieces.

The terrific velocity of the descent for the first few hundred yards is shown by the stream of smoke that trails from the wake of the saddle, despite the fact that the rope has been wet. Afterward the incline diminishes somewhat, and the pace becomes correspondingly slower. By the time the goal is reached the jheri, as the performer is called, is able to come to a standstill without disaster.

This slide in the air is supposed to reveal the will of the gods as to the crops of the approaching season. If the perilous trip is accomplished in safety a plentiful harvest is assured. Naturally, therefore, every care is taken to minimize the dangers of the performance. The ceremony is of ancient origin, and those who engage in it as jheri form a small caste apart.—New York Tribune.

A MEDFORD STORY.

Legend of the Phantom Ship and Its Mad Pirate Captain.

The town of Medford, Mass., has a legend of a phantom ship beside which the Flying Dutchman is only a peaceful merchantman. The Medford story runs that a ship laden with rum and gold and silver bars put out from that place in the days when the Spanish main was infested with pirates. It was headed for a West Indian port, but got into the doldrums and was so long becalmed that water and provisions gave out, and all hands perished of thirst and starvation. When the wind came up again the ship sailed away with her ghastly crew, was seen by a buccaneer, chased and overhauled.

The pirate captain made fast to his prize without firing a single shot, and, attributing the vessel's nonresistance to fear or lack of arms, he was the first man to leap on board. But the rope with which the captured ship had been carelessly lashed to his own parted under the strain of the seaway, and he found himself rapidly borne away from his comrades on what he soon discovered to be a floating coffin. A stiff breeze filled the sails of the derelict and before his own vessel could overtake it night descended on the ocean, and the pursuing ship lost sight of it altogether. Left alone in pitch darkness on the grewsome craft, the pirate went mad with terror and, seizing the wheel, raced away before the wind and, according to the legend, was condemned to range the seas forever thus in command of his horrible prize.

Woe to the ship that encountered it scudding along by moonlight or in the lightning's glare, manned by skeletons and steered by a shouting, gesticulating madman, and when on several occasions it was sighted in the fog off Medford it was considered as the herald of storm and disaster and the loss of many ships.—New York Press.

Jenny's Quick Method.

Jenny's uncle, who was a schoolteacher, met her on the street one beautiful May day and asked her if she was going to the Maypole dance.

"No, I ain't going."

"Oh, my little dear," said her uncle, "you must not say 'I ain't going.' You must say 'I am not going.'" And he proceeded to give her a little lesson in grammar. "You are not going. He is not going. We are not going. You are not going. They are not going. Now, can you say all that, Jenny?"

"Sure, I can," she replied, making a courtesy. "There ain't nobody going."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Jury at the Theater.

An unusual spectacle was witnessed at the Theater Royal, Nelson, Auckland, when the jury, who had been locked up three nights because they could not agree to a verdict in a murder case, were allowed to witness a living picture display. They had expressed a desire to attend the theater as a relief, and the judge consented.—Auckland News.

A Work Maker.

"Binks is weak financially, isn't he?"

"He hasn't much money, but he gives employment to a great many men."

"Who are they?"

"Other people's bill collectors."—London Tit-Bits.

Centre Reporter, $1.00 per year.

FREDERICK AND VOLTAIRE.

Stormy Relations of the Miserly King and the Lavish Author.

The world knows plenty about the elements of strength in the characters of great men, but less about their weaknesses. Here is a story that shows the other side of the natures of Frederick the Great and Voltaire:

Frederick the Great had a leaning toward literature. He wrote poems, plays and booklets that, in his opinion, possessed rare merit. So it seemed fitting to him that great literary men should fraternize, and he sent an invitation to Voltaire to be his guest. Accompanying the invitation was a sum of money to defray the great Frenchman's traveling expenses to the Prussian capital.

Let it be explained at this point that Frederick was extremely penurious and that Voltaire was not only extravagant, but had many of the characteristics of what we would now call a grafter. It should also be understood that Frederick despised grafting, and Voltaire abhorred miserliness.

Voltaire accepted the invitation—and then had an afterthought. Why not take a favorite niece with him? So he wrote to the king that if he would send an extra thousand louis he would bring the girl.

"Sir," replied the king, "I did not ask the young lady to do me the honor of visiting me, and I shall send nothing to pay her expenses."

"The old miser!" said Voltaire to a friend. "He has tubs of money in his treasury, yet will not grant me this wish."

However, Voltaire went to Berlin, but each found that he hated the other too much to make their friendship permanent.

The king once gave Voltaire a package of poems to revise.

"See," said Voltaire to a German nobleman, "what a quantity of dirty linen Frederick has sent me to wash!"

The king thought his guest was too free with the chocolate and sugar and gave orders that he be put on a restricted daily allowance.

Voltaire retaliated by gathering all the wax candles he could find in the halls and storing them in his trunk.

Soon the royal palace became too hot for him, and he began to pack up. Then Frederick missed his package of poems. At once he scented a plot. Voltaire intended to take the verses back home with him and palm them off as his own. Lord Macaulay has said that the poems were so bad that he was convinced Voltaire would not for half of Frederick's kingdom have consented to father them. But the king thought differently, being the author of the poems.

So the Prussian monarch had Voltaire thrown into jail at Frankfort and kept him locked up for twelve days. Sixteen hundred dollars that was found in his pocket was taken away from him. The king in the days of their friendship had given Voltaire a life pension of $3,200 a year, and the money that was confiscated was a semiannual installment.

Thus ended their friendship.—Scrap Book.

Spanish Nicknames.

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